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Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Carl Spuhn Jr
Killisnoo, Alaska.

Disbursing Commissioner

February	20	To house rent till March 20th,	5 00
		" wharfage 2 ton freight	4 00
		" landing and carrying freight to school,	3 00
	23	" Cash, Indian Adams p day work	receipt 50
	26	" " to Carpenter Callsen,	" 2 00
March	8	" " " Indian Tuttell for saving and carrying wood	receipt 1 50
		" 1 cord Spruce wood	3 00
	20	" house rent till April 20th	5 00
April	5	" cash to Indian Pete for saving and carrying wood,	receipt 1 50
		" 1 cord Spruce wood,	3 00
April	20	" house rent till May 20th	5 00
May	20	" " " " June 20th	5 00
			$38 50

Thirty eight 50/100 —

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Kate A. Rankin
967. Lawrence Street
Denver Colorado.

Territory Commissioner

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March 16 Paid Henry Holden as
Janitor of School Room
No 2 Sitka Alaska
from Jan 16th to March
15th 1886 2.00

Paid Charles as Janitor
Dec 1885 to Jan 15th
1886 1.25

Kate A. Rankin

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Margaret Powell.

Sitka, Alaska

6 June 30th	For salary as teacher of U.S. Public School, No 1 at Sitka, Alaska at $800 per annum,		
	March,		68 90
	April,		65 90
	May,		68 20
	June,		65 90
March 8	To George Sokoloff, janitor		8 00
			$276.90

Certifying Commissioner

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Two hundred and seventy 90/100

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Clara A. Gould
Jackson. Alaska

Adding Commissioner

June 30th 6 For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Jackson. Alaska at $600 per annum

April	49.50
May	51.00
June	49.50
	$150.00

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
W. A. Kelly
Sitka Alaska.

6 May 7th	For rent of U. S. School Building Sitka No 2	18.00
June 1st	For 100 double School desks (painted) @ $6.	600.00
		$618.00

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sarah M. Dickinson

Acting Commissioner

6 Feb 28th	For Salary as teacher of U. S. Public School at Haines, Alaska at $30 per month	
	December 1885	30 00
	January 1886	30.00
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		90.00

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sheldon Jackson

Nelino Commissioner

6
June 30 For Services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a Salary of $1200 per annum for the Month of June. 98.90

Ninety eight 90/100

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Elizabeth Patton

Sitka Commissioner

June 30th For salary as teacher of U.S. Public School no 2 at Sitka Alaska at $80 per month

For one half of March	40.00
" April	80.00
" May	80.00
" June	80.00
Janitor's Bill for May	1.00

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Commissioner

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Two hundred and Ninety four
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Education
Edmund de Schweinitz

Mr. Andrews
Commissioner

For the conduct of the Public School at Bethel Alaska as per contract of January 9th 1886 made in accordance with the order of the Secretary of the Interior March 2nd 1886 for the year Ending June 30th 1886. $1500.00

July 22nd 6
Fifteen hundred 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sarah A. Dickinson
Care of Rocker & James
Juneau Alaska

May 30th For salary as teacher
of U.S. Public School at
Haines Alaska at
$30 per month

For	March	30 00
"	April	30 00
"	May	30 00
		$90 00

Sarah A. Dickinson

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sal Ripinsky.

Care Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St
San Francisco. California

June 30th 6

For Salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School at Unalaska Alaska at
$100 per month

For	March	100 00
"	April	100 00
"	May	100 00
"	June	100 00
		$400 00

Four hundred 00/100 — 6

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Marion W. Murphy
Juneau Alaska

June 30 For salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School at Juneau
Alaska at $40. per month
For June 40.00

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Elizabeth Patton

July 6th For salary as teacher of U.S. Public School No 2 Sitka Alaska at $80 per Month.
Due half of July $40.00

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July 7th 66

A. T. Whitford,
Care Toklas & Singerman,
Seattle,
Washington Terr.

Prospect for Charter unknown
if Chartered, vessel not needed
before August ~~the~~ fifth.

Wm. H. Gardiner,

Acting Commissioner

Official
Chg. to Bureau

Washington D.C.
July 7th 6

A. S. Mitchell Esq
Seattle Wash Ter

Dear Sir

Your letter of June 24th & the
telegram of July 3rd are both before me.
The telegram came last night
but I was out of the City & did not
receive it until this morning.

I am expecting the Commissioner
to return to the City every hour & as soon
as I can see him, will telegraph you
a reply. In the mean time I
wished to say that we can judge of
the probabilities of an appropriation
no better now, than we could last
December. Until the appropriation
is actually voted upon, we can
tell its fate. It is now thought
that Congress will adjourn about

the 20th. Consequently we will not be kept in suspense much longer. As I have written you before, as soon as we know anything, I will telegraph you. But it is getting so late in the season, that if we charter the boat we will not be able to get away from Puget Sound before the 5th to the 10th of August. Consequently you will have plenty of time to make a short trip to Alaska.

If you should conclude to go to Sitka & return to the Sound, there are 100 school desks that Mr Kelly has for the westward. If you should take them on & bring them down to Puget Sound, then when we sail from Puget Sound we might go directly across to Unalaska, & then take Unga, Kadiak & Sitka on our return trip. This would save us a week in time.

There is no reason why I should

Call at Sitka on our way up, except to get those desks. If you should bring them down to Puget Sound, it would obviate the necessity of calling at Sitka on our way up.

You could also bring down such merchandise, as you might want for the trade to the westward.

As it is getting so late in the summer I think this is the best thing for you to do.

Make a run up to Sitka & then when you get back to the Sound, if we can go at all to the westward, we will be ready to load up & start direct for Unalashka.

If we charter the vessel, then we can include the freight on the desks, from Sitka to Seattle in the charter price.

If we have no appropriation & consequently are unable to charter, then we will expect you to return the desks to Sitka without charge.

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If you conclude to do this, then when you get to Sitka, ask Mr Kelly at the Native Training School to give you the 100 desks he has made for the Schools in Western Alaska. Also any blackboards he may have ready.

While at Sitka do not say anything about my proposed trip to the westward to any one but Mr Brady. I do not care to have it generally known -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Report of Education
1884 & 5
To Hon John Eaton, Commissioner

Alaska

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D., recently appointed U.S. General Agent of Education in Alaska, reports the Schools for 1884 and 5 in a flourishing condition

Sitka

In the Summer of 1884 the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church secured a contract from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the enlargement of the Native Training and Industrial School

In September 1884 the Girl's Industrial School at Fort Wrangell, with the teachers (Mrs A.R. McFarland and Miss Kate A. Rankin) was removed to Sitka and consolidated with the School at that place

Two additional buildings were erected by Dr Jackson and regular instruction was commenced in car-

pentering and wood work. Over 100 children were in the Boarding Department.

Haines

At this point Rev E. S Willard and wife, and Miss Bessie Mathews carried on in their new building an industrial School of from 25 to 30 boarding pupils and about 75 day scholars.

Hoonah.

In the fall of 1884 Rev John W. Mc Harland and wife were placed in charge of the Hoonah Mission. The School attendance for the winter was 69 boys, 76 girls, and 74 adults making a total of 219.

Jackson

The School at Jackson was taught as in previous years by Miss Clara A. Gould. The attendance was about 100.

All of the above Schools have been supported as in the past by Presbyterian Missions

Fort Wrangel

A small Industrial School for Boys

has been maintained at this point by Mrs S. Hall Young.

Seal Islands

No statistical report has been received from the Seal Islands, where the Alaska Commercial Co has schools.

Public Schools.

On the 2nd of March 1885 the Secretary of the Interior assigned the duty of making provision for the Education of Children in Alaska to the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

The Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. was appointed General Agent and during the coming year will inaugurate the public schools.

July 9th 16

W. E. Morse
Case Rev G. S. Abbott

Cleg – 11th ch. Oakland California

Make no definite arrangements
until you hear from Dr Jackson

John Cotton
Commissioner

Official
Cleg & Bureau

Washington D.C. July 9th 1

Wm E. Roscoe

P.O. Box 1528. Cleveland Ohio

Dear Sir

Your letter of July 1st is before me. Gen Eaton has this morning telegraphed me as follows

"Make no definite arrangements until you hear from Dr Anderson"

Owing to the delay of Congress to pass the appropriation bill, we are still left in uncertainty as to the amount of money we will have for Alaska Schools. This however ought to be soon decided by the 20th of July — If the appropriation is not almost the may conclude not to open the Schools. If so will telegraph you in time to take the Alaska Cons. bill otherwise. If the appropriation

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is sufficient, we will charter a Steam Schooner to leave Seattle about the 5th of August.

On the Schooner you will have no freight or passage bills to pay. Your only expense will be $1. a day each for table board. Probably be 15 days in the trip. Now you can decide which will be cheaper for you. If it is cheaper for you to go on the Alaska Commercial Co's vessel then do so. If you conclude to go on the Schooner, then you had better purchase your supplies at Seattle. That will save freight between S. F. and Seattle.

You need not leave S. F. until we telegraph you.

When you wish to telegraph me, direct your telegram to the U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington. Then the expense will be charged to the Govt.

Much obliged for the photograph

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What salary would Miss Ellie Parkhurst regard? Would she be satisfied with $600? The ladies connected with Presbyterian Mission in S. E. Alaska receive $500.

Is she a self reliant woman — Would she be willing to go to an Aleute village a dozen or 15 miles from you, — board in an Aleute family & teach school among a people who do not understand English. What is her age — If you think she has missionary spirit and consecration sufficient to fill the bill, let me know & perhaps some arrangement can be made to send her —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 9th

Mrs Andrew Pollard
Boston Mass

Madam

Your of the 6th is just received
And I am very glad you wrote the gentlemen named - I have faith to believe that prayer & effort will prevail.

I inclose you a letter just received from Mr Roscoe. After you are through with it, please return it to me. I have written Mr Roscoe for fuller information concerning Miss Parkhurst. If she is a self reliant woman of proper age, willing to go off by herself 12 or 15 miles from Mr Roscoe, board in an Atlanta family & teach School, I would be inclined to recommend that if the Baptist Ladies will give her $300, that

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the Bureau will give $300 towards her salary, & furnish a school room for her; and if the appropriation will warrant, we will give even more. There would be some advantages in having two schools in the neighborhood of Kadiak under Mr Roscoe's supervision. When there is money sufficient, there is a call for a half dozen or more schools there. The question now is shall we try a second this season? What do you say? My thought but to send Miss Parkhurst, will the Ladies take $300 more?

Keep your auxiliaries praying for the appropriation until it is safely through Congress.

My only hope now is in the power of prayer — "Where two are agreed &c"

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
July 9th 6

S. S. Woolwine Esq
Southern School Agency
238½ Church St
Nashville Tenn

Dear Sir

Your circular & letter of April 15th has been returned me from Sitka Alaska and perhaps you can help me in an emergency.

I want a good teacher, who is either a minister or a communicant in good standing of the Southern Methodist Church. He must be a married man & take his wife with him.

If possible I would like him to be at Seattle Washington Terr ready to sail by August 5th, so that no time is to be lost.

For such a teacher the Government

will pay a salary of $1500 per annum
That you may no the kind of man to
look for & the teacher know the kind
of work wanted I will tell you some-
thing about the peculiarities of the field
The teacher is wanted for Unga
a small village on the Shumagin
Islands Southern Alaska -
I mail you to-day a copy of Petroff's
Alaska. Unga (or Ounga) is the
most important Island of the Shum-
agin group (See Petroff's Alaska
page 91.) On this Island a
few white men have settled & married
native women. They are anxious
for a school for their half breed children
The population of the Island is 185.
The Climate is mild in winter
& cool in summer - Winter
temperature about that of Ky.
The drawback to the climate is
that it is rainy & foggy -

It is doubtful whether many of the Children can speak English.
The School however is to be taught in English. The purpose being to raise up an English speaking Community of American Citizens.
The teacher will be required to rent his own residence, & the Government will either rent or build a School room.
There will be so many drawbacks and inconveniences to the field, that we do not expect any teacher will be willing to go, & remain satisfied unless they have a Missionary Spirit.
For such an one it is a good field. The Country is healthy & the salary ample. There are one or two stores that will furnish the necessaries of life at reasonable rates. There is no post office. Mails are only received two or three times in summer by passing vessels at irregular intervals.

Now do you think you can find us a teacher for such a place on short notice. Perhaps an editorial note in the Weekly Newspaper of the Methodist Church South (which I believe is published at Nashville) making a call for such a teacher (do not use my name in connection with the publication) or that of this Office) may help you get hold of one.

I have been in correspondence with Bishop McTyeire & Dr Haygood on the subject

As you will perceive by the above it will require a consecrated spirit to go & be efficient. And there is no use sending out any other.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agt

Washington D.C.
July 9th 6

Col M. D. Ball
Dear Friend

The Congressional Record this morning contained the official announcement of your confirmation in the Senate. Thinking that possibly the news might reach you earlier, I sent you a telegram to be mailed from Portland. Yours of June 10th came to hand duly. Lt Swineford has been here & gone. As far as I can find out, he did not accomplish all he hoped to. I am sorry he feels as he seems to with regard to myself. I could have greatly assisted him, if he had allowed me, but he studiously avoided me. As you know by past experience, it is hard to get anything for Alaska unless all the interests combine their forces.

I mailed you last week a Record containing the debate on the Alaska school appropriation. If it is published in the Alaskan Mr Symes remarks furnish a good word for my work. You will notice that Mr Rankin quotes our friend Elliott as authority. Both Senators Dolph & Cameron have introduced amendments into the Senate providing an appropriation for the public schools of Alaska. The Senate will take action next week. I have been happy all day over your confirmation. I wish the Judge & Marshall were in the same boat with you. Their cases are in the hands of the same committee and I presume Judge McAllister's influence has prevented their being reported. Kind regards to your family.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
July 10th 6

Dr A.G. Haygood
Genl Agt John F. Slater Fund

Dear Sir

What success have you in finding two teachers for Western Alaska?

By inserting a call in your Methodist paper could you not find a young Physician (Member of your Church) who would go as teacher.

Then if Prof H.C. Carter will go, the Medical teacher could attend to the Mission families at both Stations and in addition to his Salary as teacher could make something by private practice outside of School hours. We have such a teacher at one of the Presbyterian Schools.

We will probably know by the last of next week how much appro-

priation there will be for Education in Alaska. If the Amount is sufficient the Commissioner will Charter a Schooner to carry the teachers, their furniture, supplies &c. &c. direct to their fields, and probably without cost to them on the Schooner. It is very desirable that the Schooner should sail from Seattle if possible not later than August 5th. The Time is short.

If you need to telegraph me, ~~send~~ address the Communication to the Commissioner and then the Expense will be charged to the Office.

I am very anxious, if possible to have the Meth Ch South represented in Alaska yet this season —

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

P.S. Perhaps you may find a Vienna physician, who has married a good lady. By taking a good servant with them to do the house work, he might open a small drug store & practice his profession & the wife run the school room. Mr. will give the family $1500.

Washington D.C.
July 10th 6

Prof S. S. Woolwine
Southern School Agency
Nashville Tenn

Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday for a teacher for Alaska - While you are at it try for two. They must be competent teachers & members in good standing of the Methodist Church South

It would be a good thing if one of them was a physician. If you can find a young physician in the Methodist, who has married a good teacher He could open a small drug store & practice his profession in Alaska, & his wife run the school room - They can take a good servant to do the fur work We will give such a family $1500 per annum -

What is done must be done promptly as the teacher will need be at Seattle Washington Terr by August 5th.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Prof H. E. Roscoe.
Rev H. H. Weinland
Prof Geo B. Johnston
Prof Wm A. Kelly
Rev Geo M. McFarland

Teacher at Juneau
Miss Stamford
Miss M. Powell
Miss E. Patton
Dr H. H. White.

Washington D.C.
July 10th 6

Miss Lydia McAvoy.

Congress has passed a law requiring all teachers in the Territories to pass an examination in Physiology and Temperance Hygiene.

I shall send three books for the Teachers Library and sometime in the fall will arrange for your examination on Pathfinder Nos 1 & 2.

In due time you will be furnished with a quantity of Pathfinder No 1 for the use of the School.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
July 10 6

Rev John H. Spence D.D.
1018 Arch St. Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir

Our friend Young Miller has declined going to Alaska on the ground that he could not get along without his pay until next Spring.

I had written him twice that arrangements had been made by the Alaska Commercial Co, whereby the Government teachers can procure supplies from the Company stores (at special low rates) as they needed them & then in the Spring when the mail reaches them, the teacher can settle his bill by an order on the Government which will be paid at Washington. Or in other words the teachers procure whatever they need; just the same as if they

had their pockets full of ready money, and the Commercial Co kindly waited for the money. However he does not seem to have comprehended it.

To day I was about writing the Boston Ladies to find me a Methodist Minister in New England (several are anxious to go) when Col Bryant came in. I mentioned the matter to him & he suggested that I write you before writing the Boston Ladies.

If Mr Miller really wants Mission work, Unalaska is the field for him. The salary is ample & he can lay up more there than any point he will probably go to.

The Boston Ladies were arranging to pay his travelling expenses & perhaps help him to some furniture.

If however you think that he secretly thinks he would not like the work, we do not wish him to go. As a dissatisfied man would not answer.

If however you think he would make a first Class Missionary and

was frightened by a misapprehension of the circumstances, then it might be well for you to write him.

The time is short as we hope to sail about August 5th from Seattle Washington Terr.

If in your judgement there is no use waiting further for Mr Miller, please write me at once, so that I can give the next man all possible time

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

July 10th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett
38 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Sister

Yours of yesterday is received And I mailed a Report at once to Mrs Henry Wade Rogers Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Reports are so far distributed that we have no more to spare. A request has been made of Congress for another edition, but it is getting so late that it will probably be overlooked.

In 10 days I hope to be able to report the fate of the Alaska schools, in the meantime let much prayer be made If two of us are agreed we can claim the promise. Also continue your searches for a teacher in place of Mr Miller. What did we decide last Spring concerning Rev A. O. Abbott

of Cazenovia Conn. or any one else
you have on your list?

O! that we might secure a chosen
set of consecrated men & women to
lay the foundations of the public
schools of Alaska.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 13th 1886

Rev and Dear Sir

The House of Representatives has stricken from the regular Appropriation Bill all provision for the Continuance of the public Schools in Alaska.

It will however come before the House again as a Senate Amendment. And in the Committee of Conference between the two Houses of Congress it now seems probable that Hon Thomas Ryan of your District will have the deciding vote.

He has favored the Measure in the past, and it will encourage him to do still more in the future, if you will take the time to write him a letter of thanks for what he has done and asking him to continue his efforts to secure an appropriation for the Schools in Alaska

The Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, as you know, has been greatly interested in the Alaska schools for several years, and will consider it a special favor if you will write yourself or secure a letter from some influential friend to Mr Ryan.

Very Truly Yours

President of the W. Ex. Com^tee

Kansas.

Rev Geo A. Irvin Council Grove
" Victor M. King Hoscoe
" S. McC. Anderson D.D. El Dorado
" Alex H. Lackey D.D. Peabody
" Jas H. Marshall Burlington
" Robt M. Overstreet Emporia
" John Jones "
" Wm E. Patten Osage City
" Geo H. Hendy D.D. Emporia
Rev Jas C. ~~Marshall~~ Byers Eureka
" Jno S. McClelland Augusta
" B. C. Mecker White City
" Levi M. Schofield Emporia
" Richard Arthur Benton
" David L. Lander Burlingame
" Erwin B. Mecker Peabody
" Wm M. Pocock Waverly
" Chas P. Graham Melvern

Washington D.C.
July 12th 6

Mrs M. H. Hunt
No 2 Iowa Circle. Washington

Dear Sister

It gives me pleasure to send you a list of Presbyterian and Baptist Ministers in the Indian Territory. There is also a large number of Methodist Ministers but we have no list of them.

I would suggest that you also correspond with the following Mission Associations that have Schools in the Territories

Presbyterian Home Missions
Rev Wm C. Roberts D.D. P.O. Box 1958
New York N.Y.

Presbyterian Foreign Missions
Rev H. H. Ellinwood D.D. 23 Centre St
New York N.Y.

Southern Presbyterian Missions
Rev M. H. Houston D.D.
25 N. Charles St. Baltimore Md.
Protestant Episcopal Missions
Rev Wm S. Langford D.D. Room 22
Bible House. New York N.Y.
Orthodox Friends
James E. Rhoads
Bryn Mawr. Penna
Methodist Episcopal Missions
Rev J. M. Reid D.D. 805 Broadway
New York N.Y.
American Missionary Association
Rev M. E. Strieby D.D. 56 Reade St
New York N.Y.
New West Education Commission
Rev Charles R. Bliss D.D.
151 Washington St. Chicago. Ill.
Baptist Home Mission Society
Rev Henry L. Morehouse D.D.
Temple Court Berkman St
New York N.Y.

3.

Moravian Mission Society
Rev Edmund de Schweinitz D.D.
Bethlehem Pa.
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
Washington D.C.
All of the above have Schools in the Territories

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 12th 6

Wm. M. Curie
Moscow. Polk Co. Texas

Dear Sir

We are now waiting on Congress to find out how much they will appropriate for Education in Alaska

If the appropriation is sufficient, we will open some new schools and can give you position in Alaska.

Is there a telegraph office at Moscow? Can clock time be had to be ready to start after you wind a telegraph?

Write to us in the meantime and let us know more

Sheldon Jackson
Special Agent

Washington D.C.
July 13th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St. Boston

Dear Sister

Yours of yesterday is just received I have been reading over Mr G. H. Arms letters, and we will take them if they will go. Will it be possible for them to be ready to leave New England by Augst 1st? There is a steamer of the Alaska Commercial Co leaves San Francisco for Unalaskka about Sept 10th If however Congress gives us any money, we will charter a steam schooner to carry the teachers their furniture, supplies &c direct to their fields of labor. The schooner will sail about Augst 5th from Seattle Washington Ter. We prefer to take them with us. It will be

Cheaper to them — it will give us an opportunity of becoming acquainted — and it will enable me to see them settled on their field. If however that is an impossibility, why then they can go by themselves Sept 10th

If Congress gives us no money, why then we can not send any more.

If you conclude to send them to Puget Sound provided, they do not go to Alaska, they might break up housekeeping & get all ready to start. Then if we have any money to send them to Alaska I can telegraph you, & they will be ready to start. Then if we are disappointed in Congress, they can go on to Puget Sound.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

P.S. Soon as you hear from them, please let me know the result —

Washington D.C.
July 14th 1

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.
New York

Dear Brother

Commissioner Eaton is at the Office for a few days & it is a good time to renew the Contract for the School at St Michael.

Please have four copies made at once & sent here for signature.

In copying have your clerks be careful to change the dates -
"26th day of Feb" to be "first day of July"

In article 1st "July 1st 1885" should be "July 1st 1886"

Also in article 1st "Ending June 30th 1885" should be "Ending June 30th 1886" You can sign, seal & witness in your post, before

Lending Clerk is this office
Very Truly Yours,
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 14th 6

S. S. Wolwice Esq.
Nashville Tenn

Dear Sir

Yours of July 14th received. The Government does not pay travelling expenses of teachers. But as we will charter a steam schooner to take them to their destination, they will not be charged anything on the vessel for their transportation or freight for their household furniture and supplies.

The vessel will charge them $1. per day for table board. Consequently after they reach Puget Sound, Washington Territory their expenses will be very little. Household furniture is cheaper in Puget Sound than at Nashville. Consequently it will be better for them to buy in their sep-

plies at Seattle where they take the vessel.

In the case of the physician, if the wife expects to take a school & teach of course she must be able to secure a first grade certificate & have good teaching ability

For "Alaska & Missions on North Pacific Coast" send check or post office order for $1.50 to Messrs Dodd Mead & Co. 755 Broadway New York, N.Y. & they will mail you the book, which will be much cheaper than express C.O.D.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Congress as yet has made no appropriation for the Alaska schools for 1886 & if by any means, it should fail to make an appropriation, of course we can not send out any teachers, but we are getting everything to ready to act when Congress acts.

Washington D.C.
July 14th 6

Rev W. L. Notestein
Canaan. Wayne Co. Ohio

Rev & Dear Sir

I have received a letter from Rev Wm C. Roberts D.D. one of the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions New York City in which he writes:

"Will you be kind enough to communicate with Mr Notestein and tell him that we may need him in the fall"

Rev Dr Roberts visits Alaska in August and I trust upon his return, that two or three Ministers & teachers will be sent into that needy country.

If you go up there, it will be well for you to take a wife —

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 15th 6

Rev. E. de Schweinitz LL.D
Bethlehem Pa.

Dear Brother

Congratulations on your News from Bethel.

Do I understand aright that we can send Mail to Bethel via Nuchagak ~~then~~ per Vessel to sail from San Francisco about August 1st? Please reply at once.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Indian Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 15th 6

Mr Charles H. Mills
10 California St. S. F. Cal

Dear Friend

Whenever you have an opportunity of sending to the Moravian Missions Nushagak & Kilbuck, please call at the Alaska Com Co's Office. as I think some Mail for them is usually sent to the A.C. Co.

Our Appropriation Bill is not yet through Congress, & we are unable to say anything about the future - Much obliged for pamphlet on Alaska

Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 15 1

Dear Bro Kelly

Yours without date rec^d. Rev Wm C. Roberts D.D. one of the Secretaries of the Board of Commission will visit Nome on the Steamer reaching you about August 16th to 17th. And will remain over a Steamer. Please have a room prepared for him. You had better make out a written list of the improvements necessary, such as buildings, painting, Machinery &c &c and then take pains to impress upon him the importance of having them.

The appropriation bill that provides for the Alaska Schools is still unacted upon by Congress. I hope however that I will be able to visit you in August.

Have you secured some one to take Mr Heaton's place? Yours truly Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 14 6

Prof John C. Perkins
Juneau Mis

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th to the Hon John Eaton is received

Congress so far has made no appriation for the continuance of the Alaska Schools, and under the circumstances, I regret to say there will be no opening for you for 1886 & 7

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
July 14th

Prof Spencer F. Baird
1445 Mass Ave Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

Please have sent to me at the above address Mr Goode's report on the Fisheries & Fisheries Interests of the U.S. Also the Annual Report of the Fish Commission

As you so well know fish abound in Alaska and we propose in the public schools to give special instruction in improved methods of taking & preparing fish for market.

The investigations and experiments of your Fish Commission will be of great service to me in the Alaska School Work.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent.

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A few weeks ago I sent you a copy of my report. On page 31 you will find an outline of the fishing industry ~~what~~ we would like to introduce into the Alaska Schools

Washington D.C.
July 15th 6

Mr Charles H Wells
San Francisco Cal

Dear Friend.

Congress has so far made no provision for the Alaska Schools and there seems to be a disposition to make none. It is possible therefore that we will be unable to send any more teachers into Western Alaska.

Further I have found a firm that have business of their own in Western Alaska and can transport the teachers at less than we can hire a vessell Hoping upon some other occasion to be able to avail ourselves of your Office, I remain

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

July 15th 86

S. S. Woolwine
26 Lotte Cherry St
Nashville Tenn

No permanent arrangements until appropriation ~~bill~~ passes Congress Particulars by Mail.

Wm. H. Gardiner,
Chief Clerk.

Office
Chg to Bureau

Washington D.C.
July 15th 6

Prof L.S. Woolwine
Southern School Agency
26 South Cherry St
Nashville Tenn

Dear Sir

Your telegram of to-day is received and answered.

I now send you fuller explanations. The Secretary of the Interior has asked Congress for $25000 for the schools in Alaska. If Congress makes the appropriation then we will take the two teachers from you that I have written about.

If Congress refuses to make the appropriation, then we can not send any one out. Therefore it will be unwise for any teachers in correspondence with you concerning Alaska, to break up their present connection, or to be at-

any special expense in the matter until we telegraph them that we will send them.
Since writing you first the prospect of an appropriation begins to seem doubtful.
I still hope however that we will receive one & be able to go on with the schools.
I commenced the correspondence because it is getting so late in the season, that I thought time could be saved, by finding out who will go, if wanted.
But until the appropriation passes we do not promise to send any one.
What we want, is for you to find suitable teachers, who can & will go, if the way opens. Then when the appropriation Bill passes, we can telegraph you & them to get ready at once and thus save a couple of weeks in time.
When you determine upon who to recommend, please send me their name, age, size of family, Certificates & all that you know about them also their post office & telegraphic addresses.

3.

1st Transportation. The Government does not furnish transportation. But after the teachers reach Seattle, when they take a vessel to their field they will be at no farther expense, as they & their goods will be transported free. They will have to pay their own way from their homes to Seattle Washington Terr.

2nd

What should be carried along? Their Clothes & bedding that they have on hand Furniture & Supplies can be purchased as cheaply at Seattle as in the east, & thus save freight and delay.

3rd

When is Salary paid? Salary commences when they reach their field and is paid quarterly from Washington However as there will be no mail to their field until next March, they will not receive their checks for Salary until then.

This is remedied however by an

arrangement with the Alaska Commercial Co of San Francisco, who has stores at Cunga & Bell Kofsky.

The Company allows the teacher to procure supplies at the local store at low rates, just as the teacher needs them. Then the teacher when he receives his mail can pay the store bills for the previous six months, or if he prefers, he can certify to the correctness of the bill and have it paid to the Company at San Francisco direct from Washington, and when so paid charged against his salary.

It solves the problem how to live comfortably without much money.

The teacher under this arrangement is just as comfortably situated as if he received his pay every Saturday.

On a salary of $1500, a man this wife who know how to live economically ought to save from 500 to 800 dollars a year, after the first year.

The first year of course a part of that ~~the~~ saving, will be expended in travelling to the field. The salary is ample, but none should be encouraged to go, who do not possess a missionary spirit. Anyone going merely for the pay, will become dissatisfied & leave the field the first opportunity.

Whoever proposes going, should carefully & prayerfully consider all that it means to be shut off from the world from September to March - and decide whether they are ready to put up with inconveniences & annoyances for the sake of doing good.

As I have already written you the winters are mild, and the country rainy, and healthy. When you nominate any one, please let us know in how few days he can break up & be ready to start, after he receives notice from us.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 16th

Mr Louis Paul
Fort Wrangell Alaska

My dear Brother

Yours of June 24th is received and I am sorry that the selection of Loring for the Mission does not meet with your approval

I do not know yet whether the Government will have any money for a school in or around Loring and. If they do, the school will be established at Loring and Prof S. H. Laymen of Penna be sent out to take charge of it. The industries at Loring will slowly but surely gather and concentrate the people at that point. They will go where they can get work. And for that reason I think it is a good point for your

to Lettie and encourage all your friends to Lettie. Mr May Preacher at Lorain will help them all he can.

I have written him a letter asking him to select a good place for your house & assist you what he can.

Remember me to Lillie, Mr Mun Jn. . Miss McAvoy, Mr Wilson, and all the other friends.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
July 16 6

Hon Joseph R. Hawley
U. S. Senate.

Hon & Dear Sir

Your note of July 8th is before me.

If you wish it, I can by writing to Dr Field, procure you a dozen or more copies of the Evangelist containing notice of Mrs Hawley.

If you find it convenient, please press through your Committee on Printing the resolution for a reprint of my report on "Education in Alaska" Senate Ex Doc No 88.

The resolution to reprint was sent to your Committee on May 28th

I presume the Bureau of Education has received a thousand letters asking

for a copy. Various Congressmen have received applications for it, a number of which have been transmitted to the Bureau of Education.

The Moravian Mission Society has sent an order to purchase 75 copies - The Baptist Woman's Home Mission Society; Also the Methodist Woman's Home Mission Society have sent orders to purchase a number of copies for the use of their Auxiliary Societies.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 16 6

Dear Bro Gould

Yours of May 20th with P.O. Route Statement is received And I enclose you Checks for the $ 25-2 50/100 ballance due you.

I could arrange with Mr Eaton the Treasurer to send you coin, only he will not be responsible ~~by the~~ for its loss, if a bag disappears like the one last Winter The P.O. Dep^t has sent an Inspector to see about the loss. I have no idea however that the money will be made good.

Any time when I am in Washington I can send you coin in registered packages at your risk.

I had hoped to have been able to have built you a good school house this coming year, but up to the present-

Congress has refused to give a dollar for the continuance of the Alaska School except the Training School at Sitka.

We still hope to secure something by an amendment to the Senate Bill. But the amount will probably be so small that we can not erect a school house at Jackson.

I will send you a paper containing the debate in the House of Representatives. If I had not been here this winter there would have been no appropriation (There may not be, notwithstanding all my hard work) whatever for the Alaska Schools, as there was last year.

From all I can learn I expect Mrs McFarland proposes establishing a Home at Jackson, which will enable you to hold the children in the class school better hereafter.

If Bro Millard's steam launch works well, I will propose to hire

to bring the Presbytery to your place this fall.

If the appropriation passes, I have a good teacher selected for Klawack.

No one that has not tried it, knows the difficulty of getting anything from Congress. Dr Swineford came in here & remained a month. He was going to have this & have that. But with all the assistance of his official position I can not find out that he secured a single thing of any importance.

Kind regards to your family. The Lord greatly bless you in your labors –

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

hington D.C.
July 16th 6

Rev E de Schweinitz LL.D
Bethlehem Pa

Dear Brother

As you will probably in a few days receive a report from the School at Bethel, I send you sample copies of bill & Certificate (each to be made out in triplicate & returned to this office) so that you may receive your money.

As Mr Winland's official reports and letters for the General Agent may be sent to me at Sitka, I will consider it a favor if you will give me such information as you think will be of interest from your letters.

Kind regards to your family

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson Gen'l Agt

Sample Copy

Bethlehem Pa
July 1st 1886

I hereby certify that the Public School at Bethel Alaska has been carried on for the year ending June 30th 1886 according to the true intent & the Contract between the U.S. Commissioner of Education and Edmund de Schweinitz signed January 9th 1886 for the year beginning July 1st 1885.

Edmund de Schweinitz

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Edmund de Schweinitz
Bethlehem Pa

July 6 1st For the Conduct of the Public School at Bethel Alaska as per Contract of January 9th 1886 made in accordance with the order of the Secretary of the Interior March 2nd 1885 for the year ending June 30th 1886 $1500.00

Washington D.C.
July 16th

Photo-Gravure Co
484-486 - 3rd Ave Brooklyn

Dear Sir

Please mail me an illustrated catalogue of your work for the use of this office.

I will also be glad to have your Washington Agent call at his convenience

Yours
William Jackson
Assistant

July 17th 86

A. T. Weikfort
Care Letter Wingersheim
Seattle
Washington Ter.

Volunteer not wanted before August fifteenth or later

Time to make trip to Sitka and return

Wm. H. Gardiner
Acting Commissioner

Official
Cy to Bureau

Washington D.C.
July 17th

A. J. Mitchell Esq.
of Lokeen & Mitchell
Seattle, Wash Ter.

Dear Sir

"A telegram from Mr. Hewitt
"I got wanted before Congress 15th inst
~~[illegible]~~ "Sign" [illegible]" Congress is so slow
in making the appropriations, that the
bill for Alaska Schools is not yet
before the Senate. It has passed
through the House of Representatives
and they refused to do anything.
But think it will come before the
Senate. Prominent Senators say that
the Senate will provide for Alaska Schools
through an Amendment to the Senate
Bill. Then after it passes through
the Senate, it is sent back to the
House of Reps for agreement.

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Consequently it will be some time in March before we know any more than we do now.

In the uncertainties of the case I do not feel that it is fair to keep the Leo waiting at Seattle.

I think you had better make a trip to South East Alaska, and if necessary we will wait on you.

If you do go to Sitka see if it is time down the Yukon to the Lowlands, according to the suggestions of my last letter, then when we start from Seattle, if you prefer it we can sail direct for Kodiak or Unalaska.

Please keep me informed of your movements.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C. July 17th 6

Prof W. E. Roscoe
San Francisco. Cal.

Dear Sir

Your of July 9th has reached me. Much obliged for the information concerning the Steamer Warlock

My 6th & both telegrams & wrote you with regard to transportation.

If the appropriation bill gives us money for the schools, we prefer that you should accompany the other lecturers on the schooners from Seattle. It will be much cheaper to you & enable you to act compatibly with the other lecturers & my self.

However as the appropriation is very uncertain, I will telegraph you on the 20th or 24th Care of Western Com

Mercial Co. So that if the proper is poor for the ~~steamer~~ steamer, you can go up on the Karluck.

If you go up by the Karluck, you are authorized to procure at Mr Samuel Carson's Book Store San Francisco the following supplies.

Have the bill for the same made out in triplicate on the enclosed blank and send to this Office for payment.

It may be well to suggest to the Alaska Commercial Co that they keep in their Store a few of the same kind of books for sale, as some of the children will want their own books. The Government books are not allowed to be taken from the School room.

I send you by Mail Copy of Alaska Commercial Co, a School register and 10 Child's Health Primers. Also letter of instructions

All this is providing for the contingency of your sailing by the Karluck

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July 26. I sincerely hope however we shall have the pleasure of your Company in August.

Under the circumstances I do not expect to come via San Francisco, but will go direct to Seattle via Northern Pacific.

I enclose you a number of vouchers. Please sign your name on the last line and then mail them to this office in the enclosed franked Envelope. Place no other writing on them but your signature on the last line. They will be filled up here & your salary paid on them from time to time as it becomes due.

I also enclose you a sample form of the order you will give the Alaska Commercial Co. when I am ready to pay them for supplies out of your salary. Take good care not to lose or misplace the form as it might cause yourself & the Compa

Considerable trouble.

If you ultimately come to seattle to take schooner, do not purchase school supplies in San Francisco. The reason just you, is only in case it is thought best for you to take the Kanteek.

I will also mail you some stationery care of U. Commercial Co.

Kind regards to Mrs Moore

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

July 17th 6

Mr Samuel Carson & Co
Publishers, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir

Please furnish Prof M. E. Rosen with the following supplies for the School at Kadiak, Alaska

4 doz Slates 6x9, Victor
4 Boxes Slate Pencils
6 " Chalk Crayons
2 Gale Blackboard Slating
6 doz Writing Books
1 Numeral Frame
2 doz Black Board Erasers
1 Webster's Dictionary Unabridged
1 doz Primary Geographies
1/2 " Medium "
2 " Language Books
~~1/2 " Higginson's U. S. History~~
1/2 " Child's History of the U. S.
1 " First Readers

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1 doz 2nd Readers Lippy's
1 " 3rd "
1 " 4th "
1 School Room Clock
6 doz ink 2 oz Cones 4 pts
1 Appletons Primary Reading Chart.
½ doz Bracket lamps
1 Nickel desk lamp
1 Gross B. H. Mucks
1 Box Lamp Chimnies

Send bill (in triplicate) on enclosed blanks to this office as usual

Very Truly Yours,

Wm. H. Gordin
Acting Commissioner

Washington D.C.
July 17th 6

Prof W. E. Roscoe

Upon reaching Kadiak you will secure the best room you can and open a free public school on the first Monday in September.

If you can not secure a room free you are authorized to rent one on the best terms possible not to exceed $15 or $20 per month.

A school month will consist of 20 days of service

A school week of five days of six hours each, and the school year of 200 days.

You will keep an accurate account of daily attendance in the Register book mailed you to-day.

You will also enter upon the Annual Register (see Record Book)

the name of each pupil that attends School for a longer or shorter period. At the close of each month you will make out a report in duplicate giving the number of days School during the month (Calender month.

For Example, if in November, you had School but 3 days. In your November repor, report 3 days) the whole number of boys enrolled for the month. ditto girls, ditto adults. Average attendance for the month. Also number of American Children, ditto Aleute, ditto Creole, ditto half breed.

You will make out these reports at the close of each month, then lay them away until you have an opportunity of Mailing them to me at Bureau of Education. Washington D.C

At the close of each ~~six months~~ School year you will make out an itemized list of all school property such as desks

black boards, pencils, Crayons, Charts Maps, books, pens &c. &c. &c. and mail it to me upon the first opportunity.

Fuel, oil &c for the School you will purchase of the Alaska Commercial Co and next Spring when there is an opportunity of sending out a mail, have them make out a bill & forward it to their Company at San Francisco to be sent to me at Washington for payment. On the back of the bill you will certify that it is correct

You will be charged with all the School property until it is turned over to your Successor & receipted for.

Pupils are not allowed to take books, slates, pencils &c out of the School room -

If they purchase for themselves at the Store, you will see that they are so marked that they can be distinguished from the Government property

At the close of the school year, in addition to the Monthly reports, you will please make out an Annual Report which I can publish in the Appendix to our report. In this Annual Report in addition to Statistics &c of the School give some thing of your experience &c your difficulties & successes.

Also as you have time study up the people - their peculiarities - their history - and especially try to get a history of Schools at Kadiak under Russian Rule

The School is to be taught in the English language, and as it is the purpose of the Government to make them English Speaking American Citizens you will give special attention to language lessons, and the History of the U.S.

As ~~the you~~ it is the purpose of the Government to provide non-sectarian instruction, you will not

interfere in the School room with the religious beliefs of the Children. At the same time we expect that all the instruction shall be of a moral & religious nature. such as will develop upright Characters, and make them better Citizens.

As nearly all the Children belong to the Greek Church, and their holidays are so numerous as to interfere with the efficiency of the School, you will need great wisdom & tact. Some weeks you may find it judicious to dismiss School on the Church holidays & keep School on Saturday to make up the time.

You will also please give prominence to temperance instruction, also to drawing, and as far as you have the facilities to industrial instruction.

Wishing you great success in your arduous work, I remain yours truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 17th

Mr Chas H. Mills
10 California St. S. F. Cal

Dear Friend

I mail to your care to-day two packages for Rev Mr Winterand at Bethel Alaska. And on Monday will send me or two more -

Please send them to the trader at Nushagak, and ask him to take care of them until there is an opportunity of sending them over to the Kuskokwim River -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 19th

Rev Mr. J. C. Mainland

Bethel, Alaska

Dear Brother

I mail you to-day 10 primers on Temperance, with the request that you give special instruction on them in the School, in accordance with a law recently passed Congress. A copy of which I enclose. I also send you some pens, pencils, and stationery. Reports &c.

A few days ago I saw the telegram from San Francisco, that you were all well on April 12th. You all have been much in my thoughts and prayers during the past season. And I rejoiced greatly to hear that you were all well. I shall look anxiously for the arrival of the

letter Mail & report for the year.
Please give my kind regards to Mrs
Minland, Rev Mrs Kellbuck and
kisses for the baby —
The Lord bless & keep you all
Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 17th 6

Hon Chas H. Mandrode
U.S. Senate

Hon & Dear Sir

In reply to your question why the House did not make provision for the Schools of Alaska in the Sundry Civil Bill I send you a copy of the Record for June 27th with the House debate on pages 6507 – 6510

Messrs Randall & Holman cut off the Alaska Schools to help swell the sum they are going to save the country. Both Senators Dolph & Dawes have made amendments & given notice of proposed amendments continuing the appropriation to the Alaska Schools.

Please ask your friends among

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the Senators to stand by them

When Congress will vote your Com^tee on Printing and recommend the extra Copies wanted of my report on Education in Alaska — Sen Ex Doc 85. Not a day passes but calls are made for it. Many letters to Congressmen for it, have also been sent to this Office.

With great respect I remain
Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
July 19 6

Mr Lewis Gerstle
Pres. Alaska Com. Co

Dear Sir

Your Bill of July 12th for supplies for the School at Unalaska is received to day. It has been audited, and approved & will be sent at once to the Disbursing Clerk -

I trust that by to-morrow they will forward you a Check for the Amount

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington July 19 6

Rev Mr S. Langford D.D.
Sec of D & H. M.S. of the P.E.Ch

My dear Sir

Yours of the 7th with contracts is received, also letter from Rev Mr Parker.

Gen Eaton has returned to Ohio and I will forward the contracts after him

There is no objection to Mr Parker starting a School at Unwik, Nulato or St Michael — wherever he can accomplish most. We have a common interest in the matter and that is to reach the most people & do the most good

Now as to further supplies. That depends entirely upon the appropriation.

You will remember that we asked for $50.00. If Congress had granted it then we could have chartered a schooner

and taken not only provisions, but also building material and erected a comfortable building for him.

Now we have given up any reasonable expectation of securing $50,000, and will be thankful if we secure the $25,000 asked for by the Secretary of the Interior

If you took time to read the debate in the House of Representatives June 26th which I sent you, you will understand the case. A large number of Congressmen are ignorant of the claims of Alaska and indifferent to the fate of their people.

The leaders like Messrs Randall & Holman are so anxious to show how cheaply the Democrats can run the Government that they are cutting off appropriations right and left!

The House by a tie vote refused to make any appropriation for Alaska

The Senate Committee on Appropriations in making up the Sundry

Civil Appropriation Bill has left the Alaska Schools out, so that it begins to look as if we would not receive a dollar. There is just one more left us. That is secure an amendment to the Senate Bill, and have it ratified by the joint Committee of Conference of the two Houses.

As the first step towards this, Senator Dawes of Mass & Senator Dolph of Or have notified the Senate, that when the time comes they will move an amendment providing for the Alaska Schools. It will then be contested in the Senate. If it passes the Senate, then it goes to the House of Rep for concurrence & then to a special Committee of Conference.

I presume the Bill will be before the Senate on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of this week. If you could come here the latter part of the week & bring Bishop Paret with you to co.

Upon some of the Episcopal Congregations I think it would greatly help matters.

If we can secure even $250.00 and the Commissioner of Education will give his consent, I will try to reach St Michael yet this fall, although it will be late in the season for the trip. I must confess I feel great solicitude for the Cause of Mr Parker's family and am ready to cooperate with you in doing all that is possible for him.

I feel sure if one of your Bishops or himself or both will come here & see a few men, we can accomplish it.

Is Mr John A. King still in Washington? If so, where? Can he not do something? What is done must be done this week or next.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

You have so much at stake that it is worth while for some of your strong men to spend two or three days here.

Western Union Telegraph Company.
Dist. Department D.C. July 7. 76
Dated - Oakland. Cal. 17.
To U. S. Commissioner of Education.
Bureau of Education. etc.
Steamer Kalink sails for Kadiak & so on
Telegraph one by 19 or 20 which government
will charter a vessel.
W. E. Plowe.

Washington D.C.
July 19. 1886

W. E. Roscoe
Care Rev G. S. Abbott
569. 11th St. Oakland
California

Do not sail on Steamer Karluk.

V. H. Gardiner,
Acting Commissioner.

Official
Chg to Bureau

Washington D.C.
July 19 6

W. E. Roscoe Esq
Care Rev G. S. Abbott
P.O. Box 1528. Oakland Cal

Dear Sir

Your telegram of Saturday received. We have just telegraphed you not to take the Karluk for Kadiak

If Congress gives us some money we will Charter a Schooner -

If Congress does not give us any money, then we may ask you to go to Unalaska for the winter and take the School Mr Ripinsky had last season. If so you can go up on the September Steamer of the Company

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 19th 6

Hon John Eaton L.L.D
U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

I inclose you four Contracts for Signature. Please sign them at an early date and return to this office.

I also inclose you letters of Rev Dr Langford, and Rev C. Parker that you may see some of the difficulties to be contended with on the Yukon. Please return these letters to me when you have read them.

School reports for April, May & June have been received from Unalaska. 35 in attendance in June.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 19th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Sister.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations has reported the Sundry Civil Bill and left out the Alaska Schools.

Senator Dawes of Mass & Senator Dolph of Oregon each gave notice that when the bill is before the Senate they would offer an amendment providing funds for the Alaska Schools. This is our last hope for this year. The bill will be before the Senate probably the middle or last of this week & if the Amendments prevail in the Senate, then they are returned to the House of Rep's for their Concurrence.

We have now come to the point, where human instrumentalities will not avail us & we must rest our cause

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with God, who holds all men's hearts in his hand, and can cause them to do his will. And as God hears & answers prayer, please write to such women in your Churches & Missionary Societies that you know have power with God in prayer and ask them to unite with you this week & next in special prayer that God will lead Congress to make this grant that shall continue Schools in Alaska - If we receive no grant we will be unable to send out your teachers, and many of the existing Schools will be disbanded, and the work be set back a year.

The Lord give us the spirit of prayer & supplication

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 19 6

Mrs A. Pollard
Sec'y of W.B.H.M. Soc
74 Tremont Temple

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The Lord give us the Spirit of prayer and supplication.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 20 6

Mrs D. R. James
Shelter Island, N.Y.

My dear Friend

Yours of the 16th is recd. It will give me great pleasure to assist Mrs Norman dee & can.

Mrs Clarke of whom you speak has been in consultation with throughout out the winter concerning her project.

Last week she came & wanted me to nominate a Presbyterian lady to be one of a Comm of three to visit the Freedmen Schools for Sec Lamar.

I advised her to see you, if you could be and if you could not so, that perhaps you would recommend some other.

I found that Mrs Senator Harrison had also sent her to you.

Now if you can leave your family

I advise you by all means to go.
1st A personal visit & inspection of the Indian Schools will give you information that will be invaluable to you in directing the School work of the Women's Ex Com^tee.
2nd. It will help you give direction to the Indian policy of the present administration. Your good strong practical Common Sense is needed as a ballance wheel to the Com^tee
I have never met Mrs Lord, the proposed 3rd member of the Com^tee. but I feel sure that the qualities you possess will be very serviceable with the Com^tee
I most earnestly hope you will be able to go. Kind remembrance to the family
Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 20th 6

Rev Edmund de Schweinitz - LLD
Bethlehem Pa

Dear Brother

Yours of the 17th is before me and the contents noted. I have had a conversation with the Commissioner concerning the circumstances at Bethel.

He considers the presence of the teacher and the work of erecting the necessary buildings as a compliance with the terms of the contract, and that you can draw your money, whenever you send in your receipted bill in triplicate as we wish to close up the accounts of 1885 & 6.

Much obliged for the information sent

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
July 21st 6

Hon Joseph N Dolph
U.S. Senate.

Dear Sir

In conversation with a Senator last evening, who is friendly to the Alaska schools, I was told that probably the point of order would be raised against your Amendment for $50,000 for education in Alaska, on the ground that the Section in the Estimates only calls for $25000. If you find this is the case, please make your stand for $25.000. That will enable us to keep the schools in existence and I think next time Mr Lamar will ask for $50,000.

I also understand that when the matter was up in the House Mr Lamar sent them a special

communication urging the appropriation of the $25000 asked for.

I am also informed that some Senators have received the idea that not much is being done with the money previously appropriated.

Mr McKeen M. Elliott lobbyist of the Alaska Commercial Co, who has considerable influence with some Congressmen has industriously circulated this information.

If this comes out in the debate you can call the attention of the Senate to the peculiar difficulties in the organization of Schools from the newness of the country, the great distances between settlements, the want of suitable transportation You can also call attention to the fact that this is the first year of the existence of Government Schools and that allowance should be made - And that notwithstanding the above drawbacks

the Schools have been a success and that you have the testimony of the Grand Jury of the U.S. District Court of Alaska (at May term 1886) to that effect. I sent you an extract of their report a couple of weeks ago.

For the sake of humanity and the civilization of the poor people of Alaska May the Lord give you success in your effort to secure them school privileges.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

July 21st 86

W. E. Roscoe
care Rev G. S. Abbott
569 – Eleventh St
Oakland California

Do not go to Kadiak until further notice. You may be sent to another place. Mail letter July nineteenth

Wm. B. Gardiner
Acting Commissioner

Official
Ind'n Bureau

Washington D.C.
July 21st

Prof A.J. Davis
Elizabeth City, N.C.

Dear Brother

In accordance with your request I send you the map to-day by express.

You can take charge of it until sent for, which will not be before next winter.

The Senate Com^tee on Appropriations has also left out Alaska Education. Our only hope now is to get it in on Amendment.

No news of Changes —

Would it not be well when you stir up the people on Alaska to ask them to use their influence with their Congressmen in favor of Alaska Education. We need more battle

Lieutenant. Préliminaire pour avoir
Lecture & remise
Lau Tze in Christ
Milton Sanborn

Washington D.C.
July 21st 6

Messrs Morse Brown & Co
120 Sutter St San Francisco

Dear Sirs

I send by this mail to Mr Chas G. Wells, 10 California St. S. F. an order on you for a supply of books for Rev Wm H. Trinland, Bethel Alaska. I enclose you in this, blank vouchers for the bill in triplicate.

Mr Wells will tell you how to pack the supplies. After reaching the end of their ship voyage, they go 500 miles in a canoe.

If you publish "Wardman's Alaska" I would be much obliged if you could mail a copy to me Care of Supt Nathan, Bethel, Oregon

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
July 21 6

Mr Chas H. Wells
10 California St. S.F.

Dear Friend

At the request of Bishop Kowrinitz I send you an order for school supplies for Mr Mainland
I send the order to Messrs ~~Sutton~~ Gibson & Co through you, that you may explain to them how the supplies shall be packed. They need to be put up in packages of convenient size for the canoe trip from Nushagak to Bethel and with an oil cloth or rubber covering of some kind. They can then be ~~shipped~~ packed in a box sip thro best as far as Nushagak -
I have sent the blanks direct to Messrs Carson & Co. Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 21st 6

Rev E de Schweinitz LL.D
Bethlehem

Dear Brother

Yours of yesterday is received. Upon examination of our books & find that we have not supplied them with books &c.

I have to-day written Mr Chas H. Mills authorizing him to purchase certain supplies of books, slates, pencils, crayons &c at San Francisco and forward them to Mr Winland -

Also last week we mailed some stationery, pencils, pens &c to Mr Winland care of Mr Mills -

It was an oversight that they were not furnished for the vessel sailing May 10th. I hope they may reach Bethel safely. Tuesday yours Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
July 22nd 6

Messrs Goodall. Perkins & Co
San Francisco.

Sirs

Please mail to my care of Messrs Needham & Elliott. Portland Oregon instructions authorizing the purchase of your Alaska line to furnish me transportation at reduced rate.

I would like it to include not only the trip between Portland & Sitka both ways - but also between local points in Alaska, such as a trip from Sitka to Juneau or Wrangell.

I will leave here as soon as the Appropriation Bills pass, which will probably be next week -

Thanking you for past favors I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent.

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
July 22nd 6

Hon & Dear Sir

Knowing your interest in Alaska, I take the liberty of sending for Mrs Teller a small packet of papers lately received from the School at Sitka Alaska -

Hoping it may afford pleasure to your family

I remain Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson

To
Hon Henry M. Teller
U.S. Senate

Also to:

Hon Joseph E. Brown. Hon Jas L. Pugh
" Sam J. Randall " Eugene Hale
" Henry M. Teller " Benj Harrison
" Thos Ryan " Jas B. Beck
" S. H. Manderson " John Ingalls

Washington D.C.
July 24 6

Dear Bro Roberts

It is possible, not probable, that I may have the pleasure of travelling with you to Alaska -

On Mission Accounts it is important that I should. but I can not leave here until the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill is through Congress & I do not know when that will be -

If we fail in the appropriation the Indian day School at Sitka will be thrown back on the Board -

When up there, please have an interview with Miss Patton the teacher & judge whether you can recommend the Board to commission her if it becomes necessary to take up that School again. I will probably be able to take you care of Mr Wadhams

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the fate of the Appropriation Bill
with kind remembrances to Mrs
Roberts & your Children
The Lord Bless & Keep you in
the way.
If the Appropriation fails, I
will probably be up on the boat
following Friday (Aug 22nd)
Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 24 6

Rev G. H. Arms

Yours is received and contents carefully noted.

I agree with you that under all the circumstances it may be better for you to wait until next spring.

In the meantime I may be able if necessary to send in a temporary teacher for the winter.

Congress has not yet reached a decision as to whether they will do anything for the Alaska Schools.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

Washington D.C.
July 26th 6

Hon R. H. Davidson
M.C.

Dear Sir

Your kind letter offering to do what you could for the Alaska School appropriation was received with thanks. On Saturday the Senate amended the Sundry Civil Bill with an appropriation of $25000 for Alaska Schools. It now goes to the Conference Com^tee I presume the House Com^tee will be Messrs Randall, Hoerner & Ryan

If it is not asking too much please see any or all of them & urge upon them the importance of agreeing to the amendment. I fear the urgent necessity of this appropriation is not fully realized by Congress. Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 26 6

Dear Bro James

As your absence from the City defeated our Alaska School Bill in the House, please give double attention to it now.

On Saturday the Senate placed on the Sundry Civil Bill an amendment giving $25.00 to Schools in Alaska. And it now goes to the Conference Comte

I presume the House Comte will be Mess Randall, Horner & Kean.

Please do what you can with them to agree to the Amendment.

It is the last chance for this session. The Lord help & bless you in it.

Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 26th 6

Hon John D. Long
House of Representatives

Hon & Dear Sir

On Saturday the Senate upon the Motion of Mr Dawes adopted an Amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill giving $25000 to the Schools in Alaska. It now goes to Conference I presume the House Comte will be Mesrs Randall, Horner & Ryan.

If it is not asking too much, won't you please see those Gentlemen and ask them to concur in that Amendment. It is but $25000 & that will keep the Schools going until another ~~Congress~~ Session. This is our last Chance this Session. I fear the Committee do not feel the importance

of this measure, or realize that if it fails, the schools must close. You made a strong push in the House, now see if you can not gain, what was lost then.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 26 6

Hon Wm C. P. Breckinridge
M.C.

Dear Brother

The Senate has placed an Amendment on the Sundry Civil Bill of $25,000 for the Utuka Schools, It now goes to the Conference Com^tee of the two Houses. It is our last Chance to save the Schools from being disbanded I fear that Congress does not appreciate the importance of this appropriation, If it is not asking too much, please see members of the House Conference Committee and urge them to concur with the Amendment I presume Messrs Randall, Horney & Ryan will be the Com^tee of the House.

I sometimes feel desperate at the

possibility of being compelled to abandon
those schools.

The Lord help us -

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington, D. C. July 26 6

Hon. and Dear Sir:

The Senate on Saturday placed an amendment on the Sundry Civil Bill appropriating $25,000 for schools in Alaska.

It now goes to the Conference Committee. I presume the House Committee will be Messrs Randall, Forney and Ryan.

If it is not asking too much, please see them and urge on them the necessity of agreeing to this amendment. I fear they do not realize its importance. If it is not allowed the schools will many of them be closed.

For humanity's sake do what you can with the Conference Committee.

Yours truly, Sheldon Jackson

Hon. John G. Anderson
Hon. John A. Anderson
M. C.

Hon Wm H. Acree
" A.S. Willis
" L.B. Ward
" L.C. Catchings
" J.D. Long
" J.M. Campbell
" J.E. Kendall

Hon A.C. White
" C.R. Breckinridge
" B.M. Culkerson
" A.G. Curtin
" D.R. James
" J.B. Gillillan
" H.A. Johnson

Washington D.C.
July 27th 6

Hon J. J. R. McMillan
U.S. Senate

Dear Brother

I feel very anxious concerning the appropriation for the Alaska Schools, which was passed as a Senate Amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill. I fear the Committee of Conference between the two Houses will not sufficiently realize its importance and the Senate Com^tee give it up. I understand that some one has made Senator Allison feel that the Alaska Schools were not accomplishing much and that he is luke warm in the matter.

Won't you please see him and urge him to stand by the Senate

Amendment.

I am very sorry to trouble you for I know how busy you are, but the thought of being compelled to close the Alaska Schools makes me desperate And the Concurrence of the Conference Committee in the Senate Amendment is our last Chance for this Session

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 27 6

Hon Henry L. Dawes
U.S. Senate

Dear & Dear Sir

Many thanks for your successful Amendment to the Senate Civil Bill providing for the Alaska Schools.

I fear that the Senate Committee of Conference (Mess Allison, Hale & Beck) do not fully appreciate the importance of this Amendment to insist on it in Conference.

If it is not asking too much please see Mr Allison on the subject and if necessary urge him to stand by it. The New England Journal of Education (Boston) will contain a commendatory notice of your efforts in this direction.

Truly yours
Helen Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

G. B. Johnston
Killisnoo, Alaska

6 July 31st	For Salary as teacher of U. S. Public School at Killisnoo, Alaska at $120 per month	
	For May	120.00
	" June	120.00
	" July	120.00
" 1	For rent of School Room from June 20th to July 21st	5.00
June 9.	Freight on School Books to Pacific Coast Steamship Co	2.50
		$367.50

Three hundred and sixty-seven

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sheldon Jackson

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July 31 For Services as General
Agent of Education in Alaska
at a Salary of $1200 per annum
For July 101.10

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One hundred and one 10/100
Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Clara A. Gould
Jackson, Alaska

6
August 20 For salary as teacher
of the U.S. Public School
at Jackson Alaska at
$600 per annum

For July	50.50
For 26 days in August	32.61
	$83.11

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Margaret Powell

6
August 31 For Salary as teacher
of U.S. Public School
No 1. Sitka Alaska
at $800 per annum
For July 67 40
" August 67.40
$134.80

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One hundred and thirty four

50/100

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Geo Nowell

Aug 21 31st For rent of log house as
a School building at Juneau
Alaska at $20 per month

For June	20 00
" July	20 00
" August	20 00
	$60.00

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Education of Children in Alaska
Education

Lyda McAvoy
Fort Wrangell Alaska

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August 31 For Salary as teacher
of U.S. Public School at
Fort Wrangell Alaska
at a Salary of $600 per Annum

	For June	49.50
	July	50.50
	August	50.50
June 23	To Walter Bogkardis for Services as Janitor for 4 Months at $2 per month	8.00
June 6	To Pacific Coast Steamship Co for freight on School Books	2.55
		161.05

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One hundred and sixty one $\frac{05}{100}$

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sheldon Jackson

6
August 31 For services as General
Agent of Education in Alaska
at a salary of $1200 per annum
For August 101.10

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One hundred and one 10/100
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 26th
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H. H. White
Greene Corners. Me.

Dear Sir

Yours of July 23rd is received. You need not worry about the School, The Lady that taught last year will be glad to continue until it is convenient for you to take Charge.

I will send you the other books to-morrow.

The Lord guide & bless you to the
Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 28 6

Hon John Eaton L.L.D
Marietta O

Dear Sir

As Mr Gardner wrote you the Senate voted $25,000 for Education in Alaska. It is now in Conference between the two houses.

The House yesterday passed a joint Resolution printing 10,000 Copies of my report — 5000 for each House.

Mr Manderson will report the same to the Senate.

I saw Ben Perley Poore about an Amendment giving the Bureau 1000 He thought it unwise to attempt any Amendments within two or three days of the final adjournment.

As we only asked for 4000, if they print 10,000 we can send ap-

plicants to their Congressmen.
I am all packed to be off the first train after a decision is reached
Miss Horte & Miss Fletcher meet me in St Paul. And possibly Mrs J. C. Kinney of Hartford.
Miss Horte has agreed to write for N.Y. Independent & Phila Press.
Miss Fletcher may try the Boston Advertiser & some Chicago paper.
Kind regards to your family
Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 29 6

Hon Wm F. Vilas
Post Master General

Hon & Dear Sir

I have recently learned from the Post-Master at Jackson Mass that orders have been received from your Department to change the name of the Office.

The Office is at a Mission Station, which was named by the Missionaries locating the Station, and is so known upon the U.S. Coast & Geodetic Maps of that Coast.

When the post Office was established it was named as usual after the place where it was located.

It is a small Office for the convenience of the Employees of the Mission Station.

Every white person who regularly receives their mail at that office is connected either with the Mission or the Government day school located also at that point. (The teacher of the Government school is sister of the Missionary)

The people at the place did not ask a change or know of it until it was accomplished.

The change must have been asked by parties non resident at the place and who had some petty spite to manifest

Believing that you would not knowingly lend your office to any such injustice, I have the honor to request that you order the name restored to the name of the Mission

Mentioning the matter the other day to Senator Colquitt

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he promised to write you on the subject

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
United States General Agent
of Education in Alaska.

Washington D.C.
July 29. 1886

Hon Wm H. Reed
House of Representatives

Hon and dear Sir

Thanks for your Effort yesterday in behalf of Education in Alaska

I notice in the Congressional Record of this morning page 8097 that Mr Randall is reported as saying "We have provided handsomely elsewhere for the object for which the Gentleman contends" "Where?" "In the Indian Appropriation Bill".

If you will turn to the Indian Appropriation Bill (a marked page is inclosed) you will find the following paragraph "For the support & education of Indian pupils of both sexes at Industrial Schools in Alaska $15000". The Senate

raised this to $20,000, which was concurred in by the House.

You will notice in this connection in the bill that the law allows to the Majority of the Schools $175 per pupil.

In the particular case of the School at Sitka the allowance of the Indian Bureau was ~~$10~~ 135 per pupil

Now divide the appropriation $20,000 by 135 and you find that it will provide for 148 children.

But there are about 11000 children in Alaska - What is to be done the 10,852 children that can not be accomodated in the industrial training school?

Now the $25000 asked for is to provide these 10.000 children with day schools such as you have in Illinois or any other section of the country.

The $20.000 for Indian Indus-

trial Training Schools is under the Indian Bureau for a specific purpose that reaches only 148 pupils.

The $25-000 asked for in the Senate Civil Bill is for the day Schools for the Masses, Whites, Russians, Aleutes Natives & all classes.

In Alaska from American, European, Russian & Aleute parentage (all of whom by the terms of the treaty with Russia are American Citizens) there are about 2000 children of School age - surely something can be done for them. Then among the Thlingets of South Eastern Alaska (a semi civilized race of Natives) recognized by the U.S. District Court of Alaska as Citizens) are about 2000 more children that ought to have Schools.

These people are left without a legislature or any legal method

of providing schools for themselves
While in this condition Congress has already agreed to provide them schools and the appropriation is asked in order to enable the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the law. (See Act Creating a Civil Government for Alaska, Section 13.)

Secretary Lamar has, I understand, written a special letter to the House, or the Conference Comte. asking that the Senate amendment may be concurred in.

I enclose you a copy of the debate in the House on June 26

I will write a newspaper letter to Monmouth to-morrow

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
July 29 1

Hon Wm A. Niles
Post Master General

Dear and dear Sir

Since writing you this morning, I have learned that the name of the Post Office at Jackson Alaska was changed on the request of Gov Swineford on the ground that some of the citizens of Alaska wished to have the Post Office called after Indian names.

There are seven Post Offices in Alaska only three of which have Indian names. There is Juneau named after a French Miner, instead of the Auk or Takoo tribe who live there. There is Port Wrangell, named after a Russian sea Captain instead of the Stickeen tribe that inhabit the

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There is Loring named after a Merchant in San Francisco instead of the Tongass Indians that live there. Nahah Bay on which the place is located. And there is Jackson named after the first Minister to Alaska. Of all the above only the latter is singled out for a change to an Indian name.

Then the Animus is still more plain seen by the fact that the Governor includes with this letter office, Boyd & Haines the names of two other ~~stations~~ Mission stations but not new post offices (Haines has been discontinued)

Thus he ~~[illegible]~~ passing by all other places in Alaska with American names, he asks that these Mission Stations should be compelled to change their names - only one of which is an Ind. post offi.

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Unless all the Offices are to have Indian names it is unfair to compel a Mission Station alone to accept one.

Neither the Governor nor anyone he speaks for lives within fifty miles of the Office whose name he proposes changed.

Surely it is a strange thing if people from 50 to 500 miles away from a Mission Station can dictate to them what they shall call their Station and post office.

If you look the indorsement of Democrats in Congress to retaining the Mission name of Jackson they can be had. Senator Colquitt has already written you in the subject.

Very Truly Yours &c
Sheldon Jackson
Ass't General Agent
of Education in Alaska

Please address it to post office box No. 554, Petoskey, Michigan. I send by this mail a copy of my annual report on Education in Alaska, and also a copy of the United States Census Report of that region, which I trust you will find of interest.

Very respectfully yours,

General Agent of Education.

Washington, D. C.

July 30.

Colonel C. McD. Davis,

Gen. Passenger Agent,

Chicago Great Western R. R.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I hope to start in a few days for my annual tour of inspection of the schools in Alaska. If convenient, I shall be glad to have a trip pass from St. Paul to Skagway and return. Please address me at post office box 314, Petoskey, Michigan. If you are in the city as I pass through St. Paul, I hope to see you. With many thanks for past favors I remain,

Very truly yours,

General Agent of Education.

Washington, D. C.
July 10 [illegible]

Miss Ella A. Dunlap,
[illegible] Lawrence St.,
Denver, Colo.

Madam:

Your letters of July 14th and 17th are before me.

I regret to say that there will be no opening for you in the government schools this fall in Alaska. It is only at one or three points that we are able to send unmarried ladies. As you know the purpose of the Department to send as far as possible men to take charge of schools in that section. I think also that the climate of Alaska would be much better for your health and that you should not think of going to Alaska until your health is fully established. Perhaps if you could be in New York, Feb. Mar. 15, 1905, New York City. Any one [illegible] you have seen either in Very Truly or Utah, if you [illegible] will gladly give to give [illegible] on

Manners. Mrs. Jackson is improving in health in the cool climate of Northern Michigan. If she and the girls knew I was writing they would probably send love. Remember me kindly to your friends you may meet in Denver.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Washington, D. C.,
July 10, 6

Charles C. Walcott, Esq.,
No. 30, California St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Yours of July 3rd received. I am still waiting expectantly as to the fate of the Alaska appropriation. I am glad to hear through you of the work of the Survey on the Koyukuk and Kobuk rivers. Any public document that you may send that I can secure, do not hesitate to write me. I shall probably leave in a few days for Alaska, but expect to return just December, when my address will be Fairbanks, Alaska, A. K.

Very truly yours,

Charles C. Walcott
Director.

Washington, D. C.,

July 10,

Hon. Thomas R. Bard,

Subdivision Irrigation,

Riverside, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The Annual Report of the Fish Commission, and Mr. Cooper's Special Report, two volumes are accepted with many thanks. Any assistance you may have Fish-culture in Alaska, at any time, will be thoroughly appreciated, and anything that I can do in the interest of the fish commission or the Smithsonian Institute at any time I shall be very glad to do.

Very truly,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Washington, D. C.
July 31, 6

Gen John Eaton,
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear General:

I have very carefully gone over all the expenses connected with the fund for the education of children in Alaska. I have also made out bills for salaries running up to August 31st, which is the commencement of the school year in Alaska. I find that we will have a clear working balance for the second year of a trifle over $10,000. This will enable us to continue our contracts with the Episcopalians and Moravians, establish the Baptists, and continue two or three of the more important schools in Southeastern Alaska. With reference to Prof. Roscoe, who is expecting to go to Kadiak, if the appropriation does not pass I have thought of sending him for the winter to Unalaska. He cannot reach Kadiak now unless we charter the schooner. He can reach Unalaska about the 15th to the 15th of Sept. At

Unalaska we have a full supply of school furniture, books, stationery, etc., which was left by Mr. Ripinsky, the last teacher at that place. I judge from a letter received from him (Roscoe) that he does not like the idea of going to Unalaska, and perhaps Dr. Morehouse might not like the change, but so far as I can see it is the only thing we can do with him unless we charter a schooner to take him to Kadiak. If he goes to Unalaska and it is thought best, and we receive an appropriation next year, then he can be transferred from there to Kadiak and others take his place at Unalaska. Miss Foote and Miss Fletcher have both definitely decided to go to Alaska.

The question comes up whether, even without an appropriation from this Congress, it might not be judicious to charter a schooner and take the General Agent and Dr. Jackson to the leading villages along the southwestern coast; whether the information from a personal visit would not more than compensate for the $1500 to $1200 that the schooner would cost [illegible]. As you know, all the information we have [illegible]

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concerning Kadiak, the Shumagin Islands, Unalaska, Belkoffsky, etc. is mainly from Mr. Elliott, who is the lobbyist of the Alaska Commercial Company at Washington, and is evidently interested in preventing the establishment of schools in that country. Now, may it not be wise for the General Agent, even though we cannot put teachers in all these places, to take Mr. Roscoe and the school furniture to Kadiak, then visit Unalaska and the Shumagin Islands, ascertain everything that can be ascertained, and make such arrangements as shall be considered wise, or secure the information upon which such arrangements can be made another season if we secure the appropriation. It is possible that such an expedition could be brought within the compass of a month. If so, it would only cost about $1200, as the charter of the steamer is from $42 to $43 per day. My mind has been dwelling on this for sometime, and if we receive our appropriation, the difficulty of getting suitable teachers and finding out all

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about then at this late season of the summer and getting them to their places may cause us to make some mistakes, so that I may be later for us to leave one of the schools in Western Alaska that we intended starting until to next spring. As the dest session of Congress is so short now, and they are expected to have their appropriation bills finished by the 4th of March, we will know sufficiently early to make satisfactory arrangements for the establishment of schools, erection of buildings, etc., if we have the necessary appropriation. The present appropriation is still in the Congress Committee. If I learn anything to cheer I will telegraph you results. If anything is determined to do I hope to start next Monday.

Very truly yours,

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
July 31st 6

Rev Dr Kendall

Dear Brother

Yesterday in calling upon Mr Kelly the new Supt of Indian Schools I accidentally learned that they were thinking of giving a contract for industrial schools in Alaska to Mrs Young and already had given one to the Roman Catholics at Sitka. Upon my expressing some surprise they said that no application had been received from you for renewal

I have been to see them twice to day on the subject, and am arranging to have the R Catholics changed over to Unalaska - A meeting has been arranged for Monday morning between the Supt of Indian Schools, the secretary of the Catholic Indian School Association

and myself with regard to the Training Schools in Alaska.

I think it will be well for you (or if it is too hot for you, then have Mr Boyd take your place) to come down Monday night and be here on Tuesday to decide your contract for a new year (I expect to start west Tuesday Evening)

The Indian Supt proposes to make a contract for the whole year & not piece meal as in the past.

He is also disposed to allow you ~~$150~~ $150 per capita (& perhaps you can secure $175) instead of $135 received last year. He proposes to give greater prominence to industrial pursuits and will probably insist on a carpenter, Boot & Shoe Maker & printer. (Dr Hodges' Ch at Evanston Ill has sent the Sitka School a printing press & out fit)

Please bring with you (or mail) me a ~~copy~~ bound copy of the Home

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Missionary for 1885.

Prof A. J. Davis knows of a book & shoe maker in Pa that will go to ~~Denver~~ Sitka to teach the trade. He has not sent me his address. You can write Prof Davis. Care of Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Gen Eaton will be in Washington next Tuesday.

To the

U. S. Commissioner of Education,

Dear Sir:

One year ago the honorable the Secretary of the Interior devolved upon the Commissioner of Education the work of creating a school system for Alaska and setting it in operation.

It was a work of great magnitude, on a new and untried field, and with unknown difficulties. It was a work so unlike any other that the experience of the past in other departments could not be the sole guide.

It was a problem peculiar to itself, and must be worked out by and for itself.

In extent the field covered an area almost equal to one sixth of the United States.

The schools to be established would be from 4,000 to 6,000 miles from headquarters, and from 100 to 1000 miles from

each other, and that in an inaccessible country, only one small corner of which has any public means of intercommunication.

It was to establish schools taught in English among a people the larger number of whom do not speak or understand the English language. It was to instruct a people, the greater portion of whom are uncivilized--and who, therefore, need side by side with the usual school drill, instruction in sanitation, housekeeping, carpentering, and other industries.

It was the instruction of a people, who, while in the main are only partially civilized, yet have a future before them as American citizens.

It was the establishment of schools in a region where not only the school house, but also the teachers residences must be erected, and a portion of the material transported from 1500 to 4500 miles.

From the nature and extent of the work, it was apparent at the beginning that it could not be wholly carried on from the Office at Washington, and the Commissioner very wisely appointed a General Agent to reside on the field and supervise the work.

It is now equally apparent from the actual experience of

the first year in the work, that an Agent is needed in the Bureau at Washington.

In the formation of the plans it was abranged that all payment of money for salaries, school supplies and other expenditures should be by the Disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior, upon vouchers certified to and approved in your Office.

Yhat this may be done intelligently and economically requires the presence at your Bureau of one, who is acquainted with the circumstances of each field and gives special attention to the accounts.

This has added much new work to the Bureau of Education t the past year and will add greatly more in the near future.

From the nature of the case the supply of teachers for some years to come must be drawn largely from the States. As it is a long and expensive trip to the teacher, great car should be experienced in the selection.

A mistake in this direction, will cost a large sum of money, and in the more distant and out of the way places a year of time, during which great harm may be done. The selection of suitable teachers, then, becomes a question of

much importance and grave responsibility. This cannot be well done by the Superintendent in Alaska, but requires the attention of an Agent in Washington.

Again, in the location of new schools recommended by the Superintendent on the field, the Commissioner, who with his many other responsibilities, has not had the time or opportunity to make himself fully acquainted with the field and the relative importance of the several sections, will feel the need of counsel with one who is thoroughly conversant with the subject and has time as a specialist to keep up with the constant changes.

Again, the Superintendent on the field sends to the Commissioner a requisition and recommendation for certain amount for the erection of school buildings at certain places—or the leasing of buildings for school purposes.

If the Commissioner has one in his office who can furnish him all the necessary information as to the character of buildings necessary, and what amounts are reasonable for thos localities, he will be able to make a wise and intelligent decision, and the money saved will more than pay the salary of the Agent.

Also, from the nature of the case, all supplies of

materials for buildings, school furniture, books, etc., must be purchased in the States, and it is a matter of economy to have in close communication with the Commissioner an Agent whose duty it is to keep informed of the market, and wisely direct the purchases.

Then again, from want of communication between the eastern and western sections of Alaska, an Agent at Washington has facilities for directing the work in western Alaska that are not possessed by the Superintendent on the field.

This centering of information at Washington and greater facility of communication with all portions of the field caused a change in the plans of the Indian Bureau similar to that proposed for the Bureau of Education.

Originally the Superintendent of Indian Schools lived in the west among the schools, but it was found so essential for him to be in Washington that after a trial of two or thre years the office was changed from the field to Washington.

This Office has had very much the same experience. After seven or eight months work on the field, the necessitie of the case called the Agent to Washington to look after affairs here.

Thus the same reason has been to perform the work

necessary to be done both at headquarters and on the field. But with the growth and expansion of the work this can no longer be done to advantage.

It must be divided. There should be competent superintendents on the field and a competent Agent in the Bureau of Education.

And as it is hoped that this important work is to be greatly extended under your administration, I feel that it is an appropriate time to call your attention to these considerations, and, if it meets with your approval, to recommend that you secure the authority from the Honorable, the Secretary of the Interior, to meet the growing necessities of the Alaska work with the following changes:

1st. The appointment of a Superintendent of Schools in Alaska who shall reside at Sitka and receive a salary of $2500 per annum.

Or, as there are two separate sections of Alaska, the Eastern and Western, the centers of which are over 1200 miles apart by sea, it might be well to have two Superintendents, the one for Eastern, and the other for Western Alaska. These men might be teachers of local schools and in addition

to their salary of $1500 per annum as teachers, might receive an additional sum of $500 for supervision. He or they should visit and have the personal supervision of all the schools and perform the duties usually performed by superintendents of Public Schools in the States.

2nd. The transfer of the General Agent of Education in Alaska from Sitka to Washington to perform the following duties under the direction of the Commissioner of Education:

(1). With reference to schools, counsel the Commissioner concerning

The location of new schools,

The lease of school buildings,

Archtiects' plans for school buildings,

Arrange for the erection of school buildings,

" " " repairs of " "

" " " materials for erection.

" " " school furniture, etc.

" " " books, charts, fuel, etc.

Provide blanks for school reports.

Receive and supervise the accounts, vouchers, etc.

(2.) With reference to teachers

Attend to the securing of teachers.

Examine teacher's certificates, applications and testimonials.

Recommend the appointment of teachers.

Receive the resignation of teachers.

Receive and examine monthly school reports.

Audit the accounts of teachers.

Provide for their prompt payment.

Conduct the correspondence with superintendents and teachers.

(3.) With reference to the Office:

Attend to the Alaska correspondence.

Take care of the Alaska files.

Keep the Commissioner informed of the condition of the "Alaska Fund".

Furnish Alaska information.

The Salary of the General Agent to be placed at $2,000 per annum.

Washington, D. C.

Aug. 2, [illegible]

Dr. [illegible] P. Hurd,

[illegible] Corner, Me.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 31st. ult. is received. I congratulate you on the advent of your daughter. We are still in doubt as to the appropriation for education in Alaska. If it fails to pass we will be unable to give you any better school building at Juneau than how exists there, which is a log building erected as a carpenter shop and rented for the use of the school. It is an uncomfortable building, but the best that can be done under the circumstances. You will be supplied with desks, however, and a full supply of school books, stationery, etc. I mail you a circular of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. giving dates of sailing. I hav no arrangement by which reduced rates can be secured. However will gave you a letter of introduction to parties, and you can pay your fare with them. Wishing you great success, I am

Yours, [illegible]

Washington D.C.
Aug 3d 6

Prof S. A. Sayman
Congruity Pa

Dear Sir

The Alaska Appropriation is still in doubt. I have just heard through private sources that we will get $15000. As soon as it is confirmed I will telegraph you —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Aug^st 3rd 6

S. S. Morlwine
Southern School Agency
216 South Cherry St
Nashville Tenn

Dear Sir

Our Educational Bill is not yet through Congress. but we learn that we will receive an appropriation in a day or two, when I will telegraph you. Hope you will receive the telegraph in advance of this letter.

I write you this in explanation of the telegram I hope to send you

If the Southern Methodist Minister & his wife can break up housekeeping, get across the Continent and be ready to sail from Seattle Washington Territory on August 25th

they may do so, when you receive my telegraph saying go ahead. If they can not, why they can not go, at least this fall, as there will be no other vessel sailing for that section until next spring. I would advise them to bring their bedding, towels, &c with them. Furniture can be purchased cheaply at Seattle. We will charge them nothing for passage or freight. They will pay however $1. each for meals per day on ship. By making a special arrangement with the different railways, probably they can take their bedding in trunks with them without charge for extra baggage. If there should be some charge for extra baggage, the free passage & freight on shipboard

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will be a saving of between $300 & $400 to them. This will no doubt greatly hurry them; but you know that if they get settled in their new homes before winter storms set in there is not a day to lose.

To have decided earlier was impossible for we are dependant on Congress & up to the present writing they have not yet decided it.

The probable appropriation is so small, that I will only take one teacher this fall. — He is to have good teacher's certificates, be a married man, accompanied by his wife, and then members of the Methodist-Church South. The salary will be $1500 to commence when they open school

As I have previously written you. They pay their own travelling expenses These will be light, as we will make no Charge on Ship except for meals

You can write or telegraph me until August 12th at Petoskey Mich After August 12th and until 16th "Care of Toklas & Singermann Seattle Washington Terr. You can telegraph me to the above care as late as the 21st. Let me know if I may expect a teacher to meet me at Seattle. If not I will look up one myself in Seattle.

If you send anyone to meet me let them report at the Store of Toklas & Singerman. Seattle Washington Terr.

Do not make a mistake

in the Character of your teacher.
It will be bad for him – & bad for
us & bad all around –
Hoping you may be successful
I remain Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Aug 3rd 6

Mr J. B. McDougall
Firm of Tokeas & Singerman
Seattle Wash Terr

Dear Sir

I learn through private sources to-day that Congress has made a small appropriation for the Alaska Schools. The Official announcement will probably be made to-morrow.

If the information is correct, we will want the Leo as soon as she returns from Sitka. As I do not wish to lay around Seattle a week waiting for her, ~~I then~~ but wish to remain with my family up to the last moment I write that if you hear anything by mail from Sitka, or have any information when the Leo will actually be at

Petoskey

Seattle, please write if there is time, if not telegraph, me at Petoskey Michigan I will need about a week to get across from Petoskey to Seattle. If you have no definite knowledge, then telegraph me the possibilities, stating that "it is probable so & so" For good reasons I do not care to have a stir made about it at present. As I wrote you before there will probably be 10 or 12 passengers, 6 of whom are ~~definitely~~ definitely known - The others are somewhat uncertain I think I can get my teachers together at Seattle about the 21st

As soon as it is officially known I will write you again. S.

This letter is to secure early information to me at Petoskey, when the Leo will probably be at Seattle

Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
August 3 6

Rev L. W. Currie
Moscow. Texas

Dear Sir

I learn through private sources that Congress has made a small appropriation for Schools in Alaska. It will be definitely known to-morrow or next day, when I will telegraph you. But as the time is so short, and letters take days - I write this that it may be under way.

If I telegraph you, meet me at Seattle Washington Territory ready to sail August 21st you will understand it. If you can break up & reach there in time, we will give you a free passage to Alaska (except table board, which will be $1. each per day)

As I have already written you the Government expects to Charter a Schooner to take all the teachers to their destination. And will charge them no freight or passage -

In order that the teachers may reach their destination and get comfortably fixed before winter sets in there is not a day to lose - it is important that we get off as early as possible - but we could not arrange earlier because we are dependent upon the action of Congress, and we are not even yet sure of their action.

If you do not go on the Schooner it will be impossible for you to reach your field before next summer. I think your cheapest & best way will be to take the Southern Pacific R.R. to San Francisco then by steamer to Port Townsend or Seattle. Washington Terr

The Pacific Coast Steamers leave San Francisco <u>every</u> Friday at 9. Am. And reach Port Townsend the following Monday — so that if you can reach San Francisco in time for the Steamer August 20th, we will wait for you at Port Townsend August 23rd

Please telegraph me at Petoskey Michigan, if you will try & meet us. You will telegraph Petoskey not later than August 13th. Then when you get to San Francisco, telegraph me again — Care of Toklas and Singerman. Seattle. Washington Territory, if you will be on the Steamer I will then sail up to Port Townsend and wait your arrival. I would advise you to bring your bedding with you in

trunks. It may cost you some extra baggage, but will be a saving in the end. Do not make any purchases in Texas or San Francisco. You can buy to better advantage at Port Townsend and save freight. Furniture stoves &c can be bought at Pt Townsend.

The salary as I wrote you before will be $1500 per annum to commence when School commences.

In making your calculations to reach San Francisco on the Southern Pacific R.R. it will be safe to allow a day or two for washouts or some other detention.

The Lord guide you & bless you in all your arrangements —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Aug. 4th 1890.

Commissions Issued

Reg. A. W. Lewis	Klawock	$150	per annum
" W. E. Rogers	Kadiak	150	per "
" L. A. Layman	Loring	156	" "

Commissions Continued

Reg. C. C. Johnston	Killisnoo	$120	per annum
Miss Margaret Powell	Sitka No 1	$80	"
Miss Josephita Potter	Sitka No 2	$80	"
Miss Ada McAvoy	Ft Wrangell	$80	"
Miss Clara A Gould	Jackson	$80	"
Miss Sarah A Dickinson	Haines	$30	"

Washington, D.C.
August 4 6

Madam:

I enclose with great pleasure your commission for another year. You will commence your school on Monday September 6. The regulations and instructions of last year will be good this. You will forward your monthly reports in duplicate as usual to this office in Washington. I hope to visit your school late in September or in October.

Very respectfully &c.

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

To
Miss S. M. Dickinson

Washington D.C. ——— August 6

Madam:

I inclose you your commission for another year with great pleasure. You will commence your school on Monday, September 6. The same regulations and instructions for last year will be good this year. You will send your monthly reports in duplicate as usual to this Office in Washington. I hope to visit your school the last of September or in October.

Very truly yours:

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

P.S. I am happy to secure you $200 more per annum

To
Miss L. McAvoy

Washington, D.C.
August 6

Sir:—

I enclose your commission for another year with great pleasure. You will commence your school Monday Sept. 6. The regulations and instructions sent last year will be good this year. You will forward your monthly reports as usual to this office in Washington. I hope to visit your school late in September or in October.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Prof. G. B. Johnstown

P.S. You will be allowed a new school house when I come.

August 4 6

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Very truly yours:

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Prof W. E. Roscoe
Oakland Cal

Washington, D.C.
August 4 6

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Very truly yours:
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

To
Miss E. Patton

Washington, D.C.
August 24 6

Madam:

I receive with great pleasure your commission for another year. You will commence your school in Glendale, September 6. The regulations and instructions of last year will be sent this. You will forward your monthly reports in duplicate as usual to this office in Washington. I hope to visit your school the last of September or October.

Very truly yours:
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

To
Miss M. E. Powell

Washington D.C.
Miss E.A. Gorrell August 11 6

Madame:

I endorse with great pleasure your commission for another year. You will commence your school on Monday September 6. The instruction and regulations of last year will be good here. You will send your monthly reports in duplicate as usual to this office in Washington. I hope to visit your school in Hyattsville

Very truly yours:-
Hulda Jackson
Commissioner.

P.S.

I rejoice in securing you as in Charge of Salary - You can Commence school in August -

Washington, D.C.
August 6

Sir:—

It gives me great pleasure to present you a Phrenologist, a learned, intelligent man, who can give you more with a good deal a letter of introduction than I can. He will show you what and how we proceed, books, diagrams, &c.

Very truly yours,
Sheldon Dorrance
Consul General

Rev L. M. Curtis
Moscow, Pa

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir:

I have the pleasure to forward to [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] when you send your bond you will file a letter of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] form and accompanying blanks. [illegible]

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Washington, D.C.
August 4 6

Sir

to
forward

When you reach your
field. letters of
. I will also
forward you necessary books,
stationery, etc.

Very [illegible] yours,
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

Similar letters sent
Senators Dolph, Hoar, Call,
Edmunds, Hawley, Allison, Beck,
Teller, and Dawes.

Washington, D.C.
August 4 6

Hon. and Dear Sir:

I have read with great interest this morning the debate in the Senate last evening on Education in Alaska. In behalf of the people of Alaska I desire to thank you for the deep interest you took in the subject. The written statement that seems to have been before the Conference Committee from a Treasury Agent in Alaska, that there was a school in Alaska with five pupils and three teachers is false, the certified reports from the teachers in the employ of this Bureau in Alaska showing that there was no school with more than one teacher, that reports less than 22 pupils.

With renewed thanks, very truly yours:

J./

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Hon. O. D. Conger, U.S.S.

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Lic Creek to Wauka
August 1st 6

To the
Presiding Elder of Methodist Episcopal
Church. Wauk. Dist.

Dear Sir

I work at Lic two and half
for Government schools in Relation Wauka
I apply to you, as I prefer that they
should be members in good standing of
the Methodist Church.

Then I need also the Church pass
and possess or secure first-grade teacher
certificates.

Then we expected to teach school
the English among a people the larger
portion of whom do not understand the
English language.

I will pay them $10 per month
for the 10 months of the school year
and their travelling expenses to the field
they may or may not be [illegible]

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Our term [illegible]. I hope to (D.V.) at-
Sitka & [illegible] about the
25th and to [illegible] from [illegible]
somewhere about the 28th or 31st.
I write you in advance that the teachers may
be getting ready as the time is short [illegible]
[illegible]. The schools to be occupied
will [illegible] & [illegible] (in [illegible]
[illegible]) [illegible] until next spring. At [illegible]
White [illegible] each place!
[illegible] very [illegible] [illegible].
Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
Missionary Agent.

Petoskey, Mich.
June 12 6

Miss Mary [illegible]
10 [illegible] st. [illegible]

Madam

Your telegram [illegible] to hand this morning. As your communication was dated back some I did not know but that you had secured another position.

I want a lady teacher for the Government school at "Cross Village" Indian village on Cross [illegible]. The only white people there are the [illegible] Mc[illegible] and, wife & baby. You will necessarily be compelled to board with them.

You will have to furnish your own house — ie — bedstead, bureau, stand, table, carpet, bedding, towels, table sets, etc

the profession as pleasure. And during
the winter probably two or three months
will pass in without news from
the outside world. Some schol-
ars be [illegible] of native Chi-
ldren, but many of them do speak Eng-
lish. The school is taught in English.
The teachers services will be paid
$70 per month for the ten months of the
school year and your travelling expen-
ses from San Francisco to Homer [illegible]
lished once in each month. [illegible]
You can be there to take a government
vessel which sails with the Alaska
teachers about August 20th and 21st.
If [illegible] you can take the steamer
Oregon which leaves [illegible] on
August 28th for Portland Or. and from
Portland to Tacoma. [illegible]
by rail (about 7 hours) and from
Tacoma to Seattle [illegible] (about
3 or 4 hours). The Captain [illegible]
[illegible] Kodiak. ([illegible] R.R.

Be sure also bring with you ~~the~~ a Certificate from your pastor or one of the Elders of the Church.

Remember that I could not give you earlier notice, because I did not know the appropriation would be made.

If I can depend upon your going & being ready as soon as you can reach there without fail, I direct the 20th [illegible] telegraph the [illegible] of Tickets [illegible] [illegible], Seattle, [illegible].

If we can [illegible] I want the ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] at Seattle, the [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] & the [illegible] of Tickets & [illegible].

The Government does not [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] their respective places.

I leave here for Seattle next Tuesday [illegible] there about the [illegible] 16th.

Truly Yours,

[illegible]

Special Agent

Potsdam, Wisch
Aug. 14 [illegible]

Prof. H. A. Newton
New Haven Conn.

My dear Sir

The school year in Potsdam consists of 40 weeks of 5 days each. School hours are from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4. Pupils are classified according to their attainments, irrespective of their ages. The estimated average population between the ages of 4 & 21 is [illegible]

1st Total enrollment. 2 Total average attendance in the Month. 4th Average attendance during the Month. 5th Total number of pupils during the month. 6th Number of pupils 5th. Pupils admitted. 7th Number of days school during the Month.

[illegible]

Petoskey Mich
Aug 14 6

Prof S. U. Lurman
Loring Alaska

Dear Sir

The school year in Alaska consists of 40 weeks of 5 days each. School hours from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4. At the close of each month (Calender) you will report to me at Washington D.C. in duplicate 1st the estimated school population between the ages of 4 & 21 in your neighborhood — 2nd Total enrollment. 3 Total Enrollment for the month. 4th Average attendance during the month. 5th Total number of boys during month 6th ditto girls, 7th ditto adults. 8th Number of days school during the month.

You will class temperance instruction regularly among the other studies

of the school, also drawing, also sewing for girls & the use of tools for boys. I will send you a supply of books &c. Keep me informed from time to time of any thing you may need. I will send up school slates & pipe from Portland. School slates & blackboards will be sent you by Wm A. Kelly, Sitka.

You will paste labels in all the Government books as from time to time you may receive a fresh supply.

Your private is not to be removed from the school room. That is Children are not allowed to take slates, books, pencils &c home with them.

It will be well to encourage all Parents to keep the same kind of supplies in store to sell to the natives. So that any one who may wish to own his own book or slate, which he can take home with him, can purchase at the store. You will probably greatly increase the attendance &

regularity by issuing each day attendance tickets. Then tell them that on Christmas you will give some presents & that those who have the most tickets will get the best presents.

But perhaps you wonder where the presents are to come from. Write to the Churches and Sabbath schools of Western Pa that you would like to have a Christmas tree, & would they not send you out presents for your school. If they send them as freight in boxes then might to start in ~~November~~ October. If they send them by mail in 4 ℔ packages they should start early in November.

If you conclude to do this you had better write at once. As it takes a long time to send from Alaska & get an reply.

Your truly loving

Sheldon Jackson

Potsdamerstrasse
Berlin, den 14. 6.

Sehr geehrter Herr
Professor!

Eine wirklich glückliche Idee
war es, Ihre Arbeit als Ersatz für einen
der „Kinderkrankheit" Artikel in der
J. H. White Broder. Herausgabe
Ihnen und Ihrem Werk die größte
Popularität außer Ihrer Heimat.
Wir wird dies Werk 20 Artikel
Texte + 100 Blätter Illustrationen
a-Zeichnungen, bald die Druckerei
Ihnen senden können.

Mit vielen Grüßen
Ihrer ergebenst
Leonhard Ostwald.

Stockwell
Aug. 14th 6

Dear Mr McFarland

Your letter

at hand offering 6
positions, either at Kansas to
which place I answered, a member of
our faculty (retired) the future Theologian
Oberlin Theological. If I have your
letter from Mr McFarland I may find
a Teacher of your friend.
The best place in Ohio is the Academy
[illegible] If you really
want [illegible] 6 [illegible] I
should think [illegible]
of it [illegible]
[illegible]

Petersburg Alaska
——— Aug. 14 1

To the Commissioner
of the Treasury &c
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

The Government has contracted to establish a day school at Wrangel for the native children and be a beneficial influence in the health.

Rev. Mr. Kerr has been commissioned teacher & with his wife will, if able reach your place the last of October.

He will be unable to meet his expenses this fall, and will count it a favor if you will send the teacher forward for winter and school.

Trusting that the arrangement may be agreeable & we need the Company for support of teacher

Very truly & respectfully

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Dec 29 6

Mr Edwin G. Klose
146 S. Main St
Bethlehem Pa

Dear Sir

Upon my return from Alaska I find that the second edition of my report is waiting for the illustrations.

The Government Printer has given the contract to a Boston Co and no one here knew where to find the negatives.

Please loan us again the following negatives and forward them by express to the "Heliotype Printing Co 211 Tremont St. Boston Mass"

No 14 – Group of Eskimo men & Boys
" 15 " " Girls
" 21 Esquimaux Trader & family
" 23 " Family uncivilized
" 35 " leaning against a Kaiak

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If any of the plates are broken, so that they can not be printed from, please notify me & I will select other in their place.

Hoping you are well, I remain
Yours very truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Bureau of Education Washington
Dec 29 1898.

Heliotype Printing Co
211 Tremont St. Boston. Mass

Dear Sir

Some time since the Government Printing Office gave you a contract for 6000 to 7000 prints of three pages of Alaska Eskimo.

The Negatives are owned by the Moravian Church at Bethlehem Pa, and I write them to-day to send you the Negatives. You will of course take the utmost care of them for if broken they can not be replaced. When you are through with them return them to Bethlehem Pa.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Dec 30th 6

Rev E. de Schweinitz LLD
Bethlehem Pa

Dear Sir

Your letter of yesterday is received with thanks. I shall also be thankful for the papers you promise. I also thank you very much for the photograph of the family at Bethel.

If you will kindly send me the plate of the Bethel Missionaries, I will have a copy made & perhaps I can get it into the new edition of my report which is waiting for the illustrations. I wrote Mr Klose yesterday asking that Negatives Nos 14, 15, 21, 23, & 26 might be sent to the Heliotype Printing Co. of Boston for printing for the report.

I am very glad for the sake of Alaska that the reports of my removal are still

incorrect. I am still at the helm and may remain there some time.
Still I have reason to believe that very bitter and unscrupulous attacks have been made to secure my removal.
It will give me great pleasure to come to Bethlehem & attend a Missionary Meeting. I have no engagements at present for Jan & Feb except the Indian Meeting at Washington about Jan 7th.
It is the Annual Meeting of the Board of Indian Commissioners and the friends of the Indian Cause in all the Denominations. I hope you may be present.
Kind regards to your family
Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Jan 3rd /

Heliotype Printing Co
211 Tremont St Boston Mass.

Dear Sir

At my request the Moravian Publishing House at Bethlehem Pa on Dec 30th sent you five negatives of Eskimo pictures, that you may fill an order made with you some time ago for a number of prints of illustrations to accompany Senate Executive Document No 85. which is my "Report on Education in Alaska"

As the report has been delayed awaiting the illustrations, I write to ascertain if they have arrived safely and an approximate estimate of the time, when you think the order will be filled?

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Jan 5th

Miss Clara A. Gould

I find there are no signed vouchers here for your salary. Please sign the inclosed blanks & return them to me at once. Kind regards to the friends

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

A. Natives

The Villages along the Southern Coast of Alaska from Kadiak westward to the end of the Aleutian Islands

Taken from September to November 1886 by

Sheldon Jackson U.S. General Agent of Education in Alaska

Name of Village	Total Population	Over 21 Men	Over 21 Women	Under 21 Boys	Under 21 Girls	Total Adults	Total Children
Kadiak	323	100	80	75	68	180	143
Wood Island	125	41	34	31	19	75	50
Spruce Island	96	40	38	4	14	78	18
Afognak	321	101	74	81	65	175	146
Eganok	62	17	18	13	14	35	27
Karluk	229	58	53	62	56	111	118
Akhiok	105	31	26	31	17	57	48
Ayakhakalik	171	57	42	39	33	99	72
Kaguiak	104	27	32	27	18	59	45
Old Harbor	148	48	34	41	25	82	66
Killuda	33	11	7	11	4	18	15
Orlova	162	43	37	31	51	80	82
Katmai	153	49	33	39	32	82	71
Douglas & Kukak	76	23	17	16	20	40	36
Belkovsky	203	57	55	42	49	112	91
Nikolaievsky	38	5	12	14	7	17	21
Morshevoi	92	32	21	21	18	53	39
Voznesensky	32	10	10	5	7	20	12
Krovinsky	33	9	10	10	4	19	14
Unga.	141	34	33	36	38	67	74

Name of Village	Total Population	Over 21 Men	Over 21 Women	Under 21 Boys	Under 21 Girls	Total Adults	Total Children
Kinalashka	340	117	91	70	62	208	132
Makushin	47	10	11	11	15	21	26
Unmak	119	27	33	30	29	60	59
Atkha	212	81	90	16	25	171	41
Attoo	153	41	51	27	34	92	61
Akutan	79	25	18	19	17	43	36
Koshigin	42	12	6	10	14	18	24
Borka	81	25	21	19	16	46	35
Cherunovsky	73	20	13	11	29	33	40
Avatanok	20	4	9	4	3	13	7
Total	3840.	1155	1009	846	803	2164	1649

The above tables do not comprise all the citizens of Alaska. but only ~~those~~ the villages ~~visited~~ in the section of Alaska visited by the General Agent during 1886.

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
G. B. Johnston
Killisnoo, Alaska

1887 Jan 7	3rd	For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Killisnoo Alaska at a salary of $120.00 per month. For September		120.00
		October $120, November $120 & December $120		[illegible]
1886 Sept	7th	Arthur Chilcat, Sawing wood	Sub Voucher A	1.00
"	7th	Jake Parker Work on School House.	B	1.00
"	27	Carl Spruce for Sundries	C	18.50
"	30	" " " Wharfage	D	13.75
Oct	~~1~~	~~Saginaw Jake Rent. Sept~~	~~E~~	~~5.00~~
"	20	Jake Parker, Sawing wood	F	1.00
Nov	1	Saginaw Jake Oct Rent	G	5.00
"	12	Arthur Chilcat Sawing wood	H	1.50
"	15	Wharfage on 15 tons at 2¢	I	30.00
"	17	Koh-e-la-ka 1 days work	J	1.00
"	17	Kah-tsah " "	K	[illegible]
"	19	Kit-wein 3 Cords wood 2.50	L	7.50
"	22	Sluty, Sawing wood	M	8.50
"	23	Mosh-ka-mot 2½ Cords wood @ 2.50	N	6.00
				~~$[illegible]~~
				568.70

Five hundred and sixty eight 70/100

Returned & rewritten leaving out voucher E because not properly signed

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Education
Elizabeth Patton
Sitka Alaska

Acting Commissioner

Jan 3 For Salary in Wd. Public School No 2. Sitka Alaska at a Salary of $80 per month.

For September 1886		80 00
" October	"	80 00
" November	"	80 00
" December	"	80 00
		$320 00

Three hundred and twenty

Educating Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
Lydia L. McFarland
Fort Wrangell. Alaska

Acting Commissioner

Jan 3. For Salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School, Fort Wrangell
Alaska at $80 00/100 per month

	For September 1886		80 00
	" October "		80 00
	" November "		80 00
	" December "		80 00
Sept 3.	To two Brooms @ 50c.	Number A	1 00
Oct 26	1 Pail 50c 1 Dipper 25/100	" B	75
Nov 1	3 Ton of Coal @ $11	" C	33 00
" 5	Lightering & Delivering 3 tons of Coal @ 3.666/100	" D	11 00
			$365 75

Three hundred & Sixty five 75/100

Education of Children in Alaska

Margaret Powell

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Jan 3rd For Salary as teacher of U. S. Public School No 1 Sitka Alaska at $80 00/100 per month

Asking

For September 1886		80.00
October	"	80.00
November	"	80.00
December	"	80.00
		$320.00

Three hundred and twenty

Education of Children in Alaska 189

Bureau of Education

H. H. White
Juneau, Alaska

Voting Commissioner

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For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School, Juneau Alaska at $150 00/100 per Month

September 1/3 of Month	50.00
October	150.00
November	150.00
December	150.00
	500.00

Five hundred 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska 1886
Bureau of Education
J. C. Layman
Care of Capt. Bond. Port Tongass. Alaska

Jan 7

Jan 31 For Salary as teacher of U.S.
Public School at Loring
Alaska at $150 per Month
For September 1886 150.00
" October " 150.00
" November " 150.00
" December " 150.00

See Sub voucher
1 Pauline 10x20 feet 10.00
20 # Nails @ 12½ cts 2.50
Freight on School Supplies 11.00
Literage in Same .75
" " School furniture from Sitka 2.00
10 Gals Coal oil @ 50 cts 5.00

$631.60

Six hundred and thirty-one 60/100

J. C. L.

Education of Children in Alaska 188
Bureau of Education
James A. Wirtz

Wire Letting Communication

Dec 6 1st For salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Afognak Alaska at $50 per month

For September	1886	50 00
" October	"	50 00
" November	"	50 00
		$150.00

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One hundred and fifty 00

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
L. W. Currie
Tuyikan. Fort Wrangell Alaska

Sale 3rd For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School among the Hanegah Alaska at $150 per month.

For September 1886		150 00
" October	"	150 00
" November	"	150 00
" December	"	150 00
		$600 00

Six hundred 00/100

Education Bureau Alaska 1887

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
John E. Carr

Unga, Alaska

Care of Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St. San Francisco Cal

Dec 1st For Salary as teacher of
U S Public School at Unga
Alaska at $150 per month

For September 1887		150 00
" October	"	150 00
" November	"	150.00
		$450 00

Voucher Examined

Four hundred and fifty 00

Education of Children in Alask 1887
Bureau of Education
W. E. Roscoe

Kadiak Alaska
Care of Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St. San Francisco Cal.

Jan 1st 1887 ary as teacher of
Mixd. Public School at Kadiak
Alaska at $150 per month

For September	1886	150 00
" October	"	150 00
" November	"	150 00
" December	"	150 00
		$600 00

Holding Commission

Education of Children in Alaska 1887.
Education

W. A. Kelly
Sitka Alaska

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For supplies furnished
Public School No 2, Sitka

March	22	1 Tin wash basin 50, Comb 25, 3 Towels 60	1.35
May	7	To Jacob Janitor Sub Teacher A	1.00
June	7	To Charlie " " B	1.25
July	7	" " " B	1.25
May	18	1 Box Crayons	1.25
July	8th	Rent from May 7th to July 7th	24.00
Sept	27	1 Table 8 x 2½ ft $3.75 1 Black $6. 6x4	9.75
"	"	1 Bucket 50. Cleaning & White washing $7.20	7.70
"	"	678 lbs Coal	3.90
Nov	22	1 Padlock 75 3 Cakes soap 30 Gum Arabic 25	1.30
		1400 lbs Coal	7.70
		5 paper tacks 50 3 ℔ nails 25 1 Brush 75	1.50
		2165 feet Lumber $55.50 1 Box slate pencils 20	5.70
Oct	2	24 ft Lumber 75 2 Brushes $1.00 1 Sheet Tin 40	2.15
"	4th	1 Pane Glass & putty	0.35
		½ ton Coal & delivery	6.50
			$76.65
"	27	For Kelly's new School	
		1 Table 3 x 2¼ feet	3.00
		1 Book case 3 x 2¼ ft	2.00
		1 Bright on dame. (Sub Teacher C)	3.15
		$8.15	8.15
			$84.80

Eighty four 80/100.

Education of Children in Alaska 188[illegible]

Education

W. A. Kelly Sitka Alaska.

For School supplies furnished

School No 1. Sitka Alaska

May 18	1 Doz Black Board Erasers		1.51
" "	3 Boxes Slate Pencils 20c		0.60
Sept 28	600 lbs coal		3.00
" "	Delivering Coal		0.50
" 30	1 Doz Slates		1.44
" "	1 Book Case 6×2×2		5.00
" "	1000 lbs coal		5.50
" "	Freight on School Supplies		2 60
" "	To Scrubing & Cleaning School House Sub Voucher A		3 00
	1/2 ton of Coal		5 50
	1/2 Hauling coal		1.00
			29 65

Sept 29 To School at Loring

2 Blackboards 10×4 ft @ 6$	12.00	
Freight on same Sub Voucher B	20.50	
		32.50
		$62 15

Sixty two 7/100 15/100

Acting Commissioner

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Bureau of Education
James W. Young
Fort Wrangell Alaska

Acting Commissioner

Nov " 23 For freight for U. S. School
at Hoonah Alaska
1¼ tons at $12 pr ton $15 00
Freight from Klawack
to Hoonah 3.00
$18 00

Eighteen 00/100 — —

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
George Howell Juneau Alaska

Warrant
Voucher
Contingent Expenses

7 For rent of School
Jan 3rd Building at Juneau
Alaska at twenty dollars
per Month

For September 1886		20 00
October	"	20 00
November	"	20 00
December	"	20 00
		80.00

Eighty 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson,

Jan 7 3rd For Services as General
Agent of Education in Alaska
at a salary of $1200.00 per annum

For the Month of	September	97.80
"	October	101.10
"	November	97.80
"	December	101.10
		$397.80

Vetting Commissioner

Three hundred and ninety seven 80/100

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Jan 15th /

Heliotype Printing Co
211 Dartmouth St Boston Mass

Sir

Your letters of the 7th & 11th are received; also the proofs - which this Bureau O.K.d and sent to the Government Printing Office -

They should have gone to the Gov't Printing Office first & they would have sent them up to me -

Such is Gov't red tape -

I thank you very much for Bulletins Nos 1, 2 & 3 - Your prints are ahead of any received from the other Companies -

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

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The Moravian Publishing House Bethlehem Pa misunderstanding a recent letter of mine, have sent you by mistake the negative of their Alaska Missionaries (three men & two women on one plate).

Please take good care of it, & when you return the other negatives, send this last one with them —

Washington D.C.
Jan 15th /

Geo B. Johnston Esq
Bailliesville Mich.

Dear Sir

Your salary has been paid up to Jan 1st and the several vouchers you have sent in except Sub voucher E, which I enclose -

The Treasury Dept refuses to accept it, because it is not witnessed

Have Saginaw Jake make another Have it witnessed & forwarded -

When I was in Portland the President of the N. W. L. Co was sick, Mr Shulze was out of the City. Mr Ladd said that they had talked it over & there was no objection to giving the Government land for a School house

I understood they had written.

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to Mr Spluun to that effect. Please see if it is fully understood —

I expressed a preference for the lot on the hill to the right of the reservoir as you ascend the hill —

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent

Washington D.C.
Jan 19th

Rev G. H. Arms
Wilmington Vt

Rev & Dear Sir

Your letter of Dec 7th was waiting my recent return from Alaska. I find that the Hon Sec of the Interior has asked Congress for only $15000 for Education in Alaska for 1887 & 8. This means not only, that there will be no School at Unalaskka, but that half of the present Schools in that country must be closed next Summer.

Under the circumstances therefore I can not hold out hope to you. If I had taken Mr Spencer last fall, it would not have prevented your having the place in the fall of 1887. But according to present

appearances there will be no money with which to lend out any one.

I am very sorry that I could not have notified you sooner.

The Lord will remember that love in your heart to help those distant and needy people and will reward you accordingly.

Kind regards to Mrs Arms

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. General Agent.

Education in Alaska 1885-6

Name of School	Salary	Rent and Repairs	Books Fuel Lights Incidentals	Total
Fort Wrangell	$1200.	*	*	$1200.00
Woonah	750.00	$332.55	$132.66	$1215.21
Juneau	380.00	631.74	189.65	1201.39
Killisnoo	720.00	211.09	240.65	1171.74
Sitka No 1	800.00	244.30	307.72	1352.02
Sitka No 2	533.00	407.12	62.24	1002.36
Wrangell	600.	220.80	269.74	1090.54
Pachena	600.	38.00	143.70	781.70
Chilkoot	1000.	449.03	346.69	1796.69
Bethel	1500.			1500.00
Haines	300.	197.35	64.73	562.08
	$8583.00			$13073.23

* These columns are approximate

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[illegible] Agent	$1200.	*	*	[illegible]
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[illegible]	900.		275.10	[illegible]
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[illegible]	500.	76.00	524.40	[illegible]
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Education in Alaska 1886-7.

Name of School.	Salary	Rent and Repairs	Books Misc. Supplies Indicated	Total
General Agent	$1200.		*	$1200.00
Juneau	1500.	$240.00	$675.00	2115.00
Killisnoo	1200.	479.55	471.85	2146.40
Sitka No 1	800.		404.00	1204.00
Sitka No 2	800.		449.15	1249.15
Wrangell	800.		420.75	1220.75
Jackson	800.		375.00	1175.00
Wrangell	1500.	60.00	559.70	2119.70
Haines	1500.	162.00	490.70	2152.70
Kodiak	1500		535.70	2035.75
Afognak	500.	75.00	534.40	1109.40
Uyaga	1500.		533.75	2033.75
[illegible]	1000.		567.18	1567.18
Shelikof	1500.		352.66	1852.66
[illegible]	120.		375.00	495.00
	No 20.			$25677.07

* approximate.

Washington D.C.
Jan 24th 7

Rev Geo Norcross D.D.
Carlisle Pa

Dear Brother

Yours inclosing letter from G. A. Heuch concerning Frank Reigart is received. If the appropriation bill passes, I can next September give him a school in Alaska at $800 per year. If he cares to consider that, have him write me –

Love to all the household
Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C. Jan 24 /

Esther Tuttle Pritchard

Chicago Ill

Dear Friend

Yours of the 22nd received Also the Advocate for Dec & Jan - If you can spare them, please send me two more Advocates for 12th Month - the Alaska Number. The one you kindly offer to send me regularly, can be addressed to me at "Bureau of Education Washington D.C" When I am in Alaska it will be saved for me at this office.

Mr Werner ought not to attempt to go to Alaska for a year on less than $1000. If he goes for exploration expecting to return the same season, it will cost from $500 to $1000, according to the amount of free transportation that

he will receive. The Exploring tour of the Moravians (two Explorers) in 1884 Cost $1467.$\frac{41}{100}$ And the Establishment of their Mission including buildings is supposed to have Cost $6000.

I hope Bro Wisner is the right man (else he will fail & discourage the Church) And I hope the friends will see that he is well provided for, or else he will fail on that account

The friends are wealthy & liberal and I think when they fully appreciate this situation, they will furnish the Means. I am disposed to recommend that they commence work on Cook's Inlet. I send you report, also Maps. Also "Circular No 2, 1882"

This latter will be sent free to any one who will write for it. You might publish the fact that any one addressing the "Commissioner of Education Washington D.C." & asking for

"Circular of Information No 2, 1882"
will receive free an illustrated address
on Alaska. This letter is not for
publication. I take great interest
in your proposed work for Alaska &
will do what I can to forward it.
Please write me what you can
find out concerning Friend Werner
his tact, adaptation &c for a difficult
work. Has he ever taught School?
What grade certificate has he?
There is to be a new Edition of
my report (now out of print) when I
will send one to Mrs W.C. Oliver
Jacksonville Ill —

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Jan 26th /

Hon Wm D. Hill
Chairman of
Com^tee on Territories
H of Rep

Hon & Dear Sir

For your convenience I send you extracts from the organic acts creating the Territories of Oregon & Washington, and also from the organic act creating the District of Alaska, showing that certain lands have been set apart for school and mission purposes

In framing land laws for Alaska please bear this in mind

It is also important to include a paragraph similar to the following

And wherever a settlement exists of 50 people, or a town site shall be estab-

ished, one block, or a tract of land. About 400 feet Square shall be reserved in an eligible location for the public School."

At present land is practically valueless in that Section & now is the time to provide for the interests of the public Schools -

I have had nearly 10 years experience in that County and if I can be of any assistance to your Com^{tee} please call on me -

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U. S. Gen'l Agent.

Washington D.C. Jan 27th /

Hon. H. R. Dawson
Commissioner of Education

Sir.

In examining the "Estimates of Appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30. 1888" I find on page 61 (House Ex Doc 5. 49th Cong 2nd Sess.) that only $15000 has been asked for "Education in Alaska"

This sum is entirely inadequate During the fall of 1886 I made a careful census of the population from Kadiak Westward to the end of the Aleutian Islands The people enumerated are civilized and reside in permanent settlements. By the terms of Article 3 of the treaty of 1867 between Russia and the United States they are

Citizens and declared to be entitled "to all the rights, advantages and immunities of Citizens of the United States"

I found the population of this section to be 3813, of whom 1649 are Children.

In South Eastern Alaska of the 6000 population, it is estimated that there are at least 2000 Children.

A large majority of these it is true are Children of native parents, but these native parents are industrious, partially civilized and anxious to have their Children educated And the Children that are in School are making gratifying progress. With School advantages there is no reason why they should not grow up good American Citizens

It is probable that in the whole territory there are from 10.000 to 12000 Children that ought to have School advantages.

But confining our attention at

present to the 3649 Children of Civilized parents on the Coast, we now have 13 Schools in operation. For these Schools And the two in the Interior of the Country the Salaries of the teachers, School furniture Rent of School buildings, books, fuel, light And all other incidental expenses are dependant upon the Annual Appropriation of Congress.

When these things are duly considered any one accustomed to School affairs, can not fail to see that $13000 is insufficient to carry on these Schools

Indeed the existing contracts for the Alaska Schools for 1886 & 7 made by the U.S. Commissioner of Education involve $23.677.09, leaving a small ballance of $1320.91 for incidental expenses between this and June 30th the close of the fiscal year.

In 1884 Congress Appropriated $25000 for Education in Alaska.

This was not administered until 1885 & 6. And then owing to the great difficulties encountered in reaching different sections of that widely extended country, but few schools were established

On this account there remained at the close of the first year an unexpended ballance of about $10.000

The appropriation of 1886 & 7 was $15000 which with the unexpended ballance of 1885-86. gave for 1886-7 a working sum of $25000. This as is seen by the above statement of existing obligations will all be used up at the close of the fiscal year.

If therefore Congress provides only $15000 for 1887 & 8, the result must be that nearly one half of the existing schools must be closed, and hundreds of children turned loose to grow up in ignorance

There is a crying need for more

Schools and for suitable School buildings which would require an appropriation of $50.000. But as it is probable that that sum could not be secured so near the close of the session of Congress it may be wise to content ourselves with carrying on the Schools on their present basis and awaiting a more enlightened public sentiment in the future for an increase of funds.

I would therefore most earnestly recommend that you ask the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior to send in to Congress a supplementary estimate asking for $25000 for Education in Alaska for the ensuing year

I remain very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington Jan 8th /

Hon. N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner
of Education

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit to you for signature the triplicate vouchers connected with the Charter of the Schooner Leo to convey teachers and school supplies to Western Alaska, Also to enable the Genl Agt of Education for Alaska to visit the principal settlements on the Southern Coast of Alaska And thus secure for the use of the Bureau reliable information concerning the Educational Needs of that distant region

Accompanying the vouchers please find the Charter, and a copy of the instructions authorizing the

Charter.

For the last half dozen years the Commissioner of Education has been trying to secure reliable and explicit information concerning the Educational needs of Alaska.

When in 1885 the responsibility of Establishing Schools in that Section was placed upon him, he more than ever felt embarrased for want of information

An effort was then made and instructions secured from the Secretary of the Navy directing the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Pinta to take the General Agent on a trip of inspection along the Coast. A Combination of Circumstances prevented the ship from making the trip

It was then decided that the only possible way of securing the information absolutely necessary for the intelligent action of the Government, was to send

a special vessel under the control of the General Agent.

Nothing could be done however until the Account of the Appropriation for 1886-7 should be known.

The Appropriation was not made until early in August.

In the mean time the trading vessels that sail from San Francisco to Behrings Sea in the Spring and return in the fall had all gone, and there was no way by which the teachers could reach their Schools or the necessary School supplies be forwarded to their destination until the following Spring, which would involve the delay of year in establishing the Schools.

Under the circumstances there was no alternative but to charter a vessel for the work of the Bureau.

The Schooner Leo was chosen, because the terms were the lowest.

And because the vessel had auxiliary steam power, which enabled it to get into & out of harbors & through the narrow channels between the islands, where without this auxiliary power, we would have been delayed weeks waiting a favorable wind.

The trip which covered several thousand miles was made as short and as economical as possible, having reference to the work to be done.

If the Bureau had paid freight on the school supplies into those distant regions, it would have amounted to about as much as the charter of the vessel.

Trusting that the arrangement has been carried out to the satisfaction of the Bureau. I remain

Your obedient servant
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
John G. Brady

Care of Ladd & Tilton
Portland Oregon

Jan 1st For Charter of
Schooner Leo as per
Contract
From September 1st to
November 6th 1886 inclusive
67 days @ $40. $2680.00
From November 7th to Dec-
ember 11th inclusive —
35 days @ $53 1855 00
$4535.00

Rec'd R. Dixon
Commissioner

Four thousand five hundred and
thirty five

Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

1886 Jan	31st	For services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a salary of $1200 per annum for the month of January 87	103.30
Aug	11	1 Telegram to S.S. Woolwine Sub Postmaster	0.30
"	"	1 Telegram to L. M. Currie	0.90
"	12	1 Telegram Methodist Minister	1.97
"	"	1 " May Ransom	1.25
"	13	1 " from May Ransom	1.41
"	"	1 " To May Ransom	1.25
"	16	1 " " Mrs G. H. Daggett	0.75
"	25	1 " " "	1.00
"	27	1 " " "	1.00
"	28	1 " " Rev G. F. Arms	1.15
"	31	Drayage at Seattle	0.50
"	"	2000 labels for Govt School books	3.00
Nov	1st	Drayage at Klawack	4.50
"	10th	Fitting up School room Juneau	17.50
"		To Mr Jameson 3 days @ 1.66⅔	5.00
"		5 days @ $3.	15.00
"	"	Rudolph Walton 3 " @ $2	6.00
"	"	Carl 3 days @ $1.66⅔	5.00
"		Brush for Juneau	1.00
"	25	12 Cords of Wood @ 3	36.00
Dec	15	1 Saw for Juneau	3.35

Two hundred and Eleven 45/100

Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 2nd 7

Messrs Lovdale. Perkins & Co
San Francisco. Cal

Sirs

Your letter to Geo M. Evans of Jan 26th enclosing bills for freight to Killisnoo has just reached my desk.

I regret to be compelled to return the bill to you for the sub voucher for the freight paid to C.R. & T. Co.

The rules of the U.S. Treasury require that when a bill indicates that a payment has been made to a second party, the receipt of the second party must accompany the bill as a sub voucher.

You will notice that the bill of the C.R.T. & Co is not receipted. Please have it receipted and returned to me. together with your bill which I send you

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As soon as the two bills are returned they will be approved by this office and paid. I ask you for the delay. Please bear it in mind in the future.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson,
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Oct 2nd

Mssrs Goodall. Perkins & Co
San Francisco Cal

Sirs

Your letter of August 18th has been chasing me across the continent.

It gives me pleasure to send you a statement of the different kinds of Schools in South East Alaska

(1) Greek Church

1 School at Sitka. The Priest in charge

(2) Roman Catholic Church

1 School at Sitka

1 " " Juneau

(3) Presbyterian Church

1 Mission at Haines. Rev E. S. Willard
Miss Bessie Mathews

1 " Hunah Rev John W. McFarland

1 " Juneau Rev Joseph T. White

1 " Ft Wrangell Rev S. Hall Young

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1 Mission at Jackson Rev J. L. Lind
1 Boarding School " Mrs A. K. McFarland
1 Saw Mill " W. D. McLeod.
1 Mission Port Tongass Lewis Paul.
1 Government Contract Boarding School
at Sitka. Prof Wm A. Kelly in Charge
Employees - Rev Thos A. E. Austin
Miss A. R. Kelsey
Mrs Susan S Winans
Miss Jennie M Parke
Mr Thos C. E. Overend
Miss Ida M. Rogers

(4) Independent Enterprise
1. Children's Home. Mrs S. Hall Young Manager.

(5) Government Schools.
Haines. S. Kipinsky Teacher (*Doubtful)
Juneau Dr A. H. White "
Killisnoo Geo B. Johnston
Sitka No 1 Miss Margaret Powle
Sitka No 2 Miss Elizabeth Patton
Ft Wrangell. Miss Lyda McAvoy
Klawack L. W. Currie

* He was appointed, but I am not sure that he has commenced work.

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Jackson. Miss Clara A. Gould
Port Longas S. A. Sayman.

Of the Above Classes, the two Roman Catholic Schools, the Presbyterian Boarding School at Sitka, and Mrs Young's Independent Home at Wrangell are receiving Some Government support.

The different institutions are independent of one Another.

I do not Know Who is the recognized Agent of the Presbyterian Missions. Cost (3)

I think Wm Wadhams of Portland makes their purchases -

I am the Agent of the Government Schools Class (5) in the Above list.

The Greek Consistory San Francisco has Charge of Class (1)

The Roman Catholic Bishop at Victoria B.C. has Charge of Class (2)

Mrs S. Hale Young Fort Wrangell. is sole Manager of Class (4)

If the above does not meet all you wish to know, let me hear from you again.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent.

P.S. I am very sorry to be compelled to say that some of the Officers (particularly Capt Carroll) on your Alaska route have continued during the past tourist season to misrepresent myself & my work to the tourists on their vessel. Nearly, if not, every trip during the tourist season conveyed some of my personal friends, & know what is going on. Nearly every tourist trip last season conveyed parties that took the trip on my representations & it is not a pleasant return to be denounced by officers of the ship. Neither myself or my department of work have ever interfered with your business (on the other hand have greatly promoted it) and we feel that you should protect us from the misrepresentation & abuse of your employees -

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
Apl 2d

Mrs Mary B. Reese
Steubenville. O.

Madam

It was with great pleasure that I received word from the W.C.T.U. Chicago that you had offered to work in Alaska next Summer.

Where can I send you some pamphlets &c on Alaska? When do you expect to go? I will furnish you with letters of introduction to the teachers &c The three leading places for your work are Sitka, Juneau and Fort Wrangell. The organic act creating a Government for Alaska prohibits the sale, importation or manufacture of intoxicating liquors except for mechanical, scientific & medicinal purposes & yet there are from 20 to 25 saloons

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in Juneau.

Temperance instruction is in all the schools up there.

Let me know how I can assist you —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U. S. General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 3rd

Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St. S. F. Cal

Dear Sir

Please send me the probable time of sailing of your vessels this spring to Unalaska & Kadiak. As I desire to send some mail

We shall greatly miss Mr McIntyre at Kadiak. He was very helpful to the schools.

Is Mr Benj Wooche still in S. F.? How is his eye?

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Extract of letter written Rev S Hall Young. Fort Wrangell. Alaska Feb 4/87

The Bureau of Education are arranging to repair the Hospital building next summer for School purposes Consequently it will not be safe for Mrs Young to place any reports on it, as the Government would not allow her anything for them.

The Presbyterian Board will be notified that the Government needs that particular building for its own use I think we will not be disturbed in the occupancy of the other buildings

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Feb 8th

Miss Marion B. Murphy
Juneau Alaska

Madam

In the press of work at this office I find no record that your salary has been paid for teaching at Juneau last fall. I enclose you vouchers in triplicate, which you will please fill out, sign and return to this office. With kind regards to your parents I remain

Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington Sept 8th

To the
U. S. Commissioner of Education
Washington D.C.

Sir and dear Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you for decision the enclosed request received from the Russo-Greek Priest at Sitka, Alaska.

The purpose of Congress in establishing the public schools of Alaska was to unify the language. To cause the children of the Russians, Eskimo, Aleutes, Thlinkets, Haydah & Tsimsh speaking people all to speak English. Hence the schools are properly required to be taught in English.

A second purpose was to make them as rapidly as possible American citizens with a common language.

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If permission is given the Russian Priest to have an hour a day for the teaching of Russian, what is to prevent the Germans and Swedes of that section asking for an hour each to perpetuate their respective languages.

The priest who makes the request has recently come from Siberia and is a stranger to the English language himself.

As he has a school room in connection with his official quarters, there is nothing to prevent the children who would like to learn Russian, passing from the public school at 4 P.M. to the Priests school room (half a block away) and remaining from 4 to 5 P.M..

Please advise me what to reply

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 9 "

Miss Nettie Parkhurst
Lafayette, Contra Costa Co. Cal

Madam

Yours of Oct 22d is before me Congress has not yet settled the amount of our appropriation for next year.

If there is any possibility of squeezing in another school and the Commissioner is willing I will send you to Prince of Wales Island Alaska, as requested by yourself & Mr Roscoe -

It is not at all probable that I can employ your lady friend - I am sorry not to be able to give her any encouragement.

When I know anything definite concerning yourself I will write you.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 9th

J. Applegate
Signal Office, San Francisco

Sir

Your Application after chasing me across the Continent is before me. I regret to say that the Appropriation for Alaska Schools bids fair to be so meager this year, that we will be unable to branch out with additional Schools. Therefore I am unable to give you any encouragement.

Your experience in that Country, knowledge of the people & of their language ought to make you a valuable man for that Country.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 9th 7

Miss Sibyl Harpel
Cornwall. Pa

Madam

Yours of Feb 7th is received. The present schools in Alaska are all supplied with teachers and I fear that the appropriation for the coming year will be so meager that no new schools can be established.

Under the circumstances I can give you no encouragement.

Your name however will be kept on file, and if you are needed you will hear from us.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Instructions to Teachers.

Send-

W. E. Koxcoe Kadiak	J. H. Carr Unga
J. S. Witte Afognak	L. M. Currie Klawock
S. Kipinsky Haines	S. A. Sayman Loring

September 1st 6.

Dear Sir:

You have received a commission as teacher of the Government Schools at _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

You will of course give it your best time and strength.

There is much scepticism and some opposition in public sentiment and Government circles concerning the practicability of educating the children of Alaska. The success or failure of your school will help confirm or dissipate this feeling. You will bear in mind that for that the schools of Alaska are on trial that the eyes of the country are upon you - and the future of the Alaska schools in your keeping. The faithful discharge of your duties will not only promote the interest of the pupils immediately under your care but also help secure the same advantages for others who now are without school privileges.

I assist you in having a model school you are prepared with the most approved modern teaching,

You are also furnished as far as possible with the usual appliances of a well equipped school. If you find anything lacking you are expected to write for it to the General Agent, Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

It is the purpose of the Government in establishing schools in Alaska to train up english speaking American citizens.

You will therefore teach in english and give special prominence to instruction in the english language. When the pupils have made sufficient progress in the english language you are expected to give special instruction in civil government and the duties and privileges of citizenship.

It is also the purpose of the Government, as far as possible, to combine industrial with literary training in the day school - to educate the hand and eye as well as the mind. Therefore, in arranging a daily schedule of exercises for the school room you will provide for a half hour - or drawing on two afternoons a week (one hour per week). You will also provide the same for instruction in the use of tools, and sewing; the half

hour of the remaining on 5th afternoon of each week being given to composition and recitation.

For instruction in the use of tools you have been furnished with a chest of the more common tools used by carpenters. You will take pains to acquaint the boys with the name and use of the tools, familiarize them with the handling and care of them. It is not the purpose to teach them a trade, but to cultivate the hand and eye to accurate movements and make them "handy with tools".

While the boys are engaged with tools, your wife is expected to take the girls into your kitchen or sitting room and give them systematic instruction in the name & use of the various household utensils, the necessity of airing beds and proper making of them, the neat arrangement and care of rooms, also plain sewing and knitting. (needles & thread for these lessons can be purchased at the Alaska Commercial Co's store and charged to the Bureau of Education.)

If the children need aprons, dresses or under clothing, encourage them to bring the cloth to the sewing

room, where the teacher can instruct them how to cut and make. Also encourage them to bring their mending to the school, requiring in all cases that the garments shall be washed clean.

In this class it will be well to give instruction in dressing and undressing.

It will be well to encourage the mothers of the school-girls to attend these classes.

Government schools in the United States are necessarily unsectarian, and teachers will very properly avoid special denominational instruction in the day schools. But as morality and godliness are the foundations of good citizenship, and are so held by Protestants, Roman and Greek churches alike, your teaching should be pervaded with the spirit of the Bible — a training of the heart and moral faculties, as well as the mind and body. In the Aleutian and Creole settlements special pains should be taken to secure the hearty co-operation of the Priest and leaders of the Greek Church. Encourage them and the parents of the children to frequently

visit the school and witness the progress of the children. It will also help popularize the school to give exhibitions of recitations & singing during the long winter evenings.

Congress at its last session made it the duty upon all teachers in government employ to give regular instruction on "the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system". You will therefore so arrange as to give every child in school during the winter a thorough drill in the "temperance primer" which is furnished you. Next season you will be furnished with a more advanced book on the same subject. As drunkenness is very prevalent at times in some of the Alaska villages you will give special attention to training your pupils that they may be saved from this vice.

As a matter of course you will require all pupils in the school room to have clean hands & face and neatly combed hair. You will also urge neatness in clothing. It may be well for you to have nail brush, pitcher, comb and looking glass as a part

of the school furniture.

I regret to say that the appropriation made by Congress for the Alaska schools is so small that the Commissioner of education cannot carry out at present his plan of erecting model school buildings. And as a result you will be compelled to utilize inconvenient school rooms and give more than ordinary attention to ventilation, also to some simple gymnastic or calisthenic exercise.

You will be held pecuniarily responsible for all books, pencils, crayons, tools &c. furnished your school until the same shall be turned over to your successor and duly receipted for. If slates become broken or books worn out, do not throw them away until they can be counted by a Government Inspector.

No school property, books, slates, tools, needles, thread &c. are to be loaned out or removed from the building. If pupils wish to take books to their homes at night, they must buy them of the trader. To this end it will be well to encourage the trader to keep a small stock of school books, slates, pencils &c. for sale.

You will take special pains to see that all government property is so distinctly marked that it cannot be mixed up with similar property purchased at the store. In the final accounting all loss or misuse of Government property will be deducted from your salary.

Please write the name of your station on the labels furnished you, and then paste on the inside of the cover of each Government book in your possession.

A school day consists of six hours—usually from 9 to 12 O'clock A.M. and 1 to 4 P.M. with a short intermission, forenoon and afternoon. A school week is five days and a school year 10 months of 4 weeks each.

You will enter the name of each pupil in your school upon the register furnished you. You will also keep an accurate register of the daily attendance.

At the close of each lunar month you will make out in duplicate a monthly report in the following form.

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Report of the U. S. Public School at - - - -
for the month of - - - 188- - - - - - -
Total number of pupils enrolled - - - -
" " " " attending during the month
number of new pupils received " " "
Average daily attendance " " "

	Americans	Creoles	Aleutes	Natives	Half Breeds.
Boys.					
Girls					
Monthly Attendance					
Average daily "					

I (insert here name of teacher) hereby certify, that I have taught the Public School at - - - - Alaska during the month of - - - 188- and that the above is a correct report of the same

(Dated here) (Signed by name of teacher)

When made out the duplicate reports will be mailed in an official envelope upon the first opportunity to the General Agent, Bureau of Education.

Washington D.C.

These reports are to be made out upon the 1st day of each month whether there is an opportunity of mailing them or not.

Upon the 1st of March of each year you will make out in duplicate an inventory of all Government property in your charge and mail the same to the General Agent upon the first opportunity.

At the close of the school year you will make out in duplicate an annual report of the school and mail the same to the General Agent.

On the first of March each year, you will please make out in duplicate and mail to the General Agent a list of all school supplies needed for the ensuing year.

No purchase of supplies at the local stores for the school are allowed unless a written permit is given by the Commissioner of Education or General Agent.

Supplies of fuel and coal oil for the school are authorized and can be purchased at the local stores.

The trader will send the bill for the same, made out on Government blanks in triplicate and duly,

signed, to the Bureau of Education for payment.

Any suggestions that you think will add to the greater efficiency of the schools will be thankfully received by the General Agent.

Wishing you great success in your efforts to educate and uplift the children of Alaska -

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 9th 7

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

I have the honor to transmit for your information a copy of the instructions issued to the teachers of Alaska

I ask for them a careful reading and if there is anything you would prefer changed or added, please let me know for my future guidance

On page 2nd of the Ms you will notice that a prominent purpose of the schools is to teach the English language in order to unify the several languages of Alaska and the better prepare the people for citizenship. This has a bearing on the request of the Russo-Greek Priest to be allowed to teach Russian in the public school at Sitka.

Also on page 4 of the MS you will notice that special emphasis is placed on the fact that the Schools are unsectarian

I have been so misrepresented and unjustly accused on this point, that I have been particularly careful not to give any just cause of offense.

The first teacher I selected after my appointment to my present position proved to be a Methodist, the second a Roman Catholic and the third a Jew.

Of the seventeen teachers that have been commissioned to the Alaska Schools during the control of this Bureau but four have been members of the same denomination as myself, and of these four, but two were selected by myself and recommended to the Commissioner for appointment.

Of the fourteen Schools of this Bureau in Alaska not a single one is under the influence of the denomination to which I belong. Of the fourteen Schools

but two are under any denominational influence whatever. And these are among pagan tribes on the arctic shores of Berings Sea. One of them is under the influence of the Protestant Episcopal & the other of the Moravian Church.

In Southeastern Alaska, where the largest number of whites are, there is not a single sectarian School helped by this Bureau.

Hoping that these statistics may satisfy any candid mind that the public Schools of Alaska are on an unsectarian basis

I remain
Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Dear Bro Brady

Yours of Jan 24th is at hand. At the written request of Mr Bauer, I had a check for the Charter of the Schooner Sent to you Care of Ladd & Tilton Portland Or.

The very best I could do for you was to secure $4536.00. This was for the Charter alone. The board of the Captors was sent you Jan 1st direct to Sitka. The Amount allowed is however within $42 of the Amount Claimed by Mr Bauer and when I have an opportunity of talking with you I can show you Mr Bauer's Mistake in Calculations. I am glad it is settled so well. It caused me great anxiety as a New Commission is in Control, Who does not Consider

all things in the same light as the old one, who ordered the expedition.

Gov Swineford & Capt Nichols are here fighting one another. The President has already removed Mr McCarter.

Please let it be known that my share of stock in the Alaskan is for sale, and then dispose of it at the best rate you can. When some parties are trying to secure control, it may be worth something.

There will be no general legislation for Alaska this session. The House voted nothing for the Alaska Schools & the Senate has amended the House Bill by giving $25000. It remains yet to be seen how much will be finally agreed upon. The people that are finding so much fault in Alaska either do not know (or would like to see the Schools stop) that but for my work there would be no appropriation for Alaska Education & that if I ~~was~~ remained in Sitka through the winter that even I would not get any.

I am out of pocket every month I hold the office, but for the present it is necessary for me to hold on, or the School work would stop.

On the 7th of Jan my father quietly passed away at the ripe age of 80. It was a great comfort to be with him in his last hours, and a special blessing that I was not off in Alaska

My Mother is very feeble.

Mrs Jackson & my younger daughter, Elizabeth, are with me in Washington.

Mr Mc Duncan of Metlakatla is also with me. He is received with much favor by leading officials from the President down.

Mr Duncan thinks that those men were not drowned, but that the Canoe got away from them & left them on an Island.

I hope your cattle got through all right

Kind regards to friends

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Agt

Washington D. C.
Feb 11th

Mr H. A. Bauer
Seattle Wash Terr

Dear Friend

Yours of Jan 17th was duly received. I have waited to explain until I could get the account through the Disbursing Office.

We have now got the vouchers and a check for $250.00 which I shall forward, Paid, Canceled & Filed. Portland Or as here directed.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 11th 7

Messrs Ladd & Tilton
Portland Or

Dear Friends

A few days ago the Disbursing Officer of the Dep.t of the Interior, Mailed a letter addressed John G. Brady. Care Messrs Ladd & Tilton Portland Or. As the letter contains a Treasury Warrant for $45-35.10/100 payable to Mr Brady's order. Please take good care of it until you hear from me.

With kind regards to your families I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 11th

Mr Karl Koehler
Juneau Alaska

Dear Sir

Your bill for wood which was received yesterday has been audited and sent over to the Disbursement Office for payment.

I sometimes almost get discouraged trying to do anything for Alaska.

You know the opposition I have had from various parties in Alaska — How upon one occasion even Mr James placed his name to a petition for my removal. Now all this makes it more difficult to secure from Congress an appropriation sufficiently large to erect school houses that are greatly needed.

There is a feeling among some Congressmen that the people of Alaska do

not care whether they have any schools or school houses or not. They say that the people of Alaska do not pay taxes.

Even now Gov Swineford & Capt Nichols are on here fighting one another. And Leonidas French is expected with his grievances against the Governor -

So it goes. Hoping you will receive your check promptly

I remain yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
Karl Kochler
Juneau Alaska.

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For use of public School
Juneau Alaska

Oct	6th	For	2	cords	of wood	@ $5	$10.00
Dec	27	"	1	"	"	"	5 00
1887 Jan	5	"	1	"	"	"	5 00
"	6	"	1	"	"	"	5 00
"	15	"	1	"	"	"	5 00
"	21	"	1/2	"	"	"	2 50
							$32 50

Commissioner

Thirty two 50/100 ——

Original and duplicate
Properly signed

Washington D.C.
Feb 12 7

Miss E. Patton

Yours of the 23rd is received. The "slip of paper" you wanted was sent you last month.

I am much obliged for the Census of Sitka

The appropriation is not yet through Congress, and consequently we can make no plans yet for next year. I hope however to be able to send your sister in your place

I hope to be able to send you some School supplies this mail

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 12 7

Dr H. H. White

Juneau Alaska

Dear Sir

Your letter of 24th received Much obliged for the Census of Juneau Did you include Douglass Island? If not, and you can make it convenient, please send me the Statistics of Douglass Island.

I hope to mail you some School Supplies this month.

Much obliged for Drawing and Examination papers.

Please remember me very kindly to all the friends

Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent

Washington D.C. Feb 12 7

Miss M. Powell

Sitka Alaska

Yours of Jan 23d is received but no report of School attendance for Dec. It is very important that we should have those reports at the earliest possible moment. Please do not neglect them hereafter.

The appropriation has not yet been made, & consequently we can give no promises for next year. I expect & hope that the Schools, at least the more important ones, will be continued.

Much obliged for suggestions. Always glad to receive them.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Hope to mail you some supplies by this mail.

Washington D.C.
Feb 12 7

Dear Bro Gould

Your good New Year's letter is received with thanks. It was a great disappointment to myself & the Ladies with me not to see your Mission. Miss Fletcher expresses her regrets very frequently.

But our vessel was so slow & the season so late that we felt compelled to pass several places we were anxious to call at.

The School appropriation has not yet passed Congress. but there is no hope that it will be sufficiently large to enable us to erect a School house at Jackson. I regret this very much & have worked hard early & late to have it otherwise but the indifference of Congressmen to Alaska matters is very great.

The full measure of the fight I have made

and sufferings endured in the effort to secure & keep schools in Alaska for the last few years - will never be known except to Him who knows the heart & sees all things. I often get wearied, & think what is the use, & am ready to give up, then He sends courage & I go to work again with fresh vigor.

I fully expect now to visit you next summer if the Lord will.

I reached home in time to see my father alive again and spent a few pleasant days with him, before he fell asleep in the 7th of Jan at the good ripe age of 80.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs Gould & the dear children, to Mrs McFarland, Miss Gould, Mr McLeod & Skulka

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 12th 7

Mr Geo B Johnston
Killisnoo Alaska

Dear Sir

Your interesting letter of Jan 25th is received. I am very much obliged to you for the Census of the village. Do you include those at the Native ranch North of your place? If not, then do far as you can procure me the Census of the whole tribe.

I agree with you & Mr Brightman that the site by the reservoir is the best one. I think we need about 200 feet square of land for School house teachers residence & play ground.

However at present you need not grade only about the size of the School house with 15 feet added in back of

the 4 sides. For instance if the building is 25 x 36. Then clear 55 x 66. That will give room to work at the building.

There was no monthly report for Dec in your letter. Please send the monthly reports promptly. It is very important.

Kind regards to Mr Spinn, Mr Brighton & others.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Hope to send you some supplies this month -

Washington D.C.
Feb 12 7

Miss Clara A Gould

Your report for Dec received - As soon as you can please send me a census of your village - No of boys under 21. years of age, No of Girls ditto. Also No of Men over 21 - No of Women ditto.

Your Monthly reports do not give the number of days taught during the Month. Please send me the number of days taught during each of the Months. Sept Oct. Nov, Dec Jan & c. Hope to send you some School Supplies this Month.

~~I see~~ Kind regards to all the friends

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 12th

Mrs L. H. Daggett

Yours of the 10th is just received. I took with me from Seattle Washington Mr & Mrs John H. Carr devoted Christian people and members of the M.E. Ch. They are located at Unga, Alaska. Early in March the first mail will leave San Francisco Please write them a good Mothers sympathising letter, & if the Ladies would like to send them a Check to help them to some more furniture & household Conveniences it will come very acceptable. They were married but two or three days before we started. They are very lovely people. Miss Alice C. Fletcher who accompanied me to Unga is in Boston now. Try & find her. A letter of inquiry

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to the Peabody Museum of Ethnology & American Archaeology Cambridge Mass I think will find her. She is to remain but one or two days. When we reached Unalaska, the way was closed for any public School, & I removed the Government property to Unga. Address "Mrs John H. Carr Unga, Alaska. Care of Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St. San Francisco Alaska" We are again in doubt about the appropriation for next year.

When I can I will inclose you a letter from Mr Carr —

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
Special Agt.

Washington D.C.
Feb 12

A. H. Jackson Esq
Pleasant Plains Arkansas

Dear Sir

Your letter of Oct 26 has been following me across a Continent. I am glad to hear from you again. There is nothing in Alaska to pay you to go there.

Our present Schools are supplied. And I regret to say that the appropriation of Congress for Alaska Education will be so small that we cannot enlarge the work.

Your experience among native people would ~~you~~ make you a valuable helper, but there is no money to pay you

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 12

Prof W. H. Nelson
Saguache. Colo

Dear Sir

Your letter of Oct 21st 86 has followed me across the Continent.

The Schools of Alaska are all supplied with teachers at present, and I regret greatly to say that the prospect is that the Appropriation of Congress for Education in Alaska will be so small that we will be unable to enlarge our work next year -

Your long experience would be valuable to us, if we had a place for you.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 12 7

Rev J. R. Lovejoy
Girard. Kansas

Dear Brother

Yours of Dec 20th is before me. And I regret to say that I can not hold out much encouragement. Your consecration is what I like. And I hope the way may sometime open for you to go -

The present outlook of the appropriation of Congress for Education in Alaska gives no encouragement for any increase of schools and the present ones are supplied -

I feel that you would be a valuable acquisition to our teaching force in Alaska and am sorry that I can not offer you a school

Keep it before the Lord in prayer & he may very unexpectedly open the door. When you go East see Mrs L. H. Daggett 287 Bunker Hill St Boston Mass. Sec of M. E. Woman's Home Mission Soc. She is very much interested in Alaska Missions

Very Truly Yours
Meldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C. Feb 12 7

Hon M. D. Bale

U.S. Dist Att Sitka Alaska

Dear Col.

Your letters of Dec 27th are recd. Was very glad to hear from you.

I have known you too long & favorably to be affected by any attacks on you in the Newspapers. I have written her to sell my stock in the Alaskan whenever he has an opportunity.

I only took it in the first place because I thought Sitka ought to have a newspaper and I was willing to help it along.

The President has recalled Mr McCafferty's nomination.

Capt Nichols is here preparing to vindicate himself & show up the

Governor. I understand Col French is on his way here for the same purpose.

During the Governor's stay I & my family have tried to make it as pleasant to us as we could for the Governor & his wife –

I think the Ladies of Sitka will be pleased with Mrs Swineford –

There will be no legislation for Alaska this year, except the usual appropriations. A bill for a Government, a copy of which I send you, has been reported favorably to the House, but it will not be reached.

If you could only come on here next November & spend the whole winter there might something be done –

Remember me very kindly to your family & other friends

Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 12 7

Mr Benj Wooche
Agt A.C.Co. Kaguiak, Alaska

Dear Friend

Your note of Nov 26. 86 is before me. I trust you are fully recovered from your wounds.

The murder of Mr Benj McIntyre was a great shock to me. He was so courteous and helpful while I was at Kadiak that I became quite taken with him.

If your health is sufficiently recovered, and Congress gives us a sufficient appropriation, I will do what I can to secure you a position at Kaguiak. What is the smallest amount per month that you would be willing to take the school for? Remember me kindly to your wife & daughters. Truly yours Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 14th

My dear Mrs Sayman

Yours of Feb 4th from Port Townsend is just received. Mr Bond's letter received last week was a great shock to us. And I was anxiously waiting to know where to address you.

You have the warmest sympathy and earnest prayers of a great many friends in these hours of loneliness and sorrow.

We can only commend you to the tender sympathy of your loving Savior, in whom you have long trusted. May He who alone can, support & comfort you

I will write at once to the Mission Board New York about the Boxes of Clothing. I think without doubt they will take them off your hands

You will please fill out and return the receipt to Mr Geo W. Davis.

Please keep me informed of any change of Post Office address.
Very truly yours Mrs. Jackson
Mrs. A. Chase

Washington D.C. Feb 12th 7

Mrs Chas E. Walker
Sec of W. Ex. Com

Dear Sister

You have probably heard of the drowning of Prof L. A. Sayman & Louie Paul near Port-Tongass. Alaska. They had gone to look up a better place to establish a Mission. Were probably overtaken by a Storm, the Canoe upset & they were lost.

The Canoe has been found but not the bodies. It is barely possible they are still alive on some island. About the time of the sad occurrence two very large boxes of Clothing arrived at Tongass from Allegheny Pa. for the use of Mr Sayman's School. And two other large boxes from the same place are at Port Townsend Wash Ter enroute to Port Tongass. As the Tongass School is broken up. Mrs Sayman will

turn the clothing over to you, if you will pay the freight. On the boxes received she has paid $28.47. Possibly the freight on the whole four very large boxes may be $50. I would advise you to take them & have them forwarded to Mr Kelley for the use of the Sitka School.

Please decide at once what you will do & let me know that I may make arrangements to have the boxes taken to Sitka together with the Gov't School books that I will send there.

Also with regard to Lillie Paul. She is left helpless with three or four little children. Would it not be well to place her & her children in the Sitka School. She could be commissioned assistant to Mrs Winans in the sewing room. And her children count among the other pupils of the School.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 14 7

Mr Max Pracht
Box 1787 San Francisco Cal

Dear Friend

Yours is before me. I removed Mr Layman to Longass as a temporary thing, because for the winter I knew he could reach a great many more Children.

I have lost no interest in Loring, and just as soon as you have a permanent population there that will justify a School and Congress gives us the means, I hope to send you another teacher

I had hoped up to the time of my visit in November that we could induce the Natives to concentrate at Loring, but the Universal testimony of every native that I talked with was opposed to such a move I hope however my impressions may prove untrue, & that you will succeed in

securing the people. If any one can do it, I feel assured that you with your well known energy will do it.

The policy of the Bureau however with the limited means at its disposal, is not to engage in colonizing schemes, but rather follow on and give schools to settlements that have already attained some size. You have a beautiful location and I shall watch the progress of your movement with great interest

Believe me ever your friend
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Pour Mrs Sayman!

Washington D.C.
Feb 15th 7

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
Commissioner of Education

Sir

At Fort Wrangel Alaska are several buildings belonging to the United States.

They were originally erected for the Officers and Soldiers of the U.S. Army, that were stationed there.

The Military were withdrawn in 1877. And the buildings have since been allowed to fall into decay. But notwithstanding their dilapidated Condition they are still habitable.

The residence of the Commanding Officer is now occupied by the Deputy Collector of Customs. A few years ago when the buildings were unoccupied and not needed for the service of the Government I applied to the Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury to allow the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions New York to use them for a Home and School.

Permission was given with the proviso that they should be vacated, whenever needed for the use of the Government.

The Home established by the Presbyterian Board of Missions was removed to Sitka in 1884. and the Mission School given up.

The buildings vacated by the Presbyterian Board of Missions were at once occupied by Mrs S. Hall Young with a private Home for Native Children.

A portion of one of the buildings (formerly the hospital of the Military Establishment) was taken for the Government School under the Control of this Bureau.

The same building has also been used by Mrs Young as a laundry and girl's dormitory.

The Government School has now

attained that size, that it needs the whole building for itself

Further the work and noise in the laundry has greatly interfered with the quiet and efficiency of the School.

I have the honor therefore to recommend that you request the Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury to send instructions to the Deputy Collector of Customs at Fort Wrangell to place the whole of the building, formerly known as the Hospital, and now used as a Government School, under the control of the teacher of the U.S. Public School for the use of said School.

I would further recommend that you request the Honorable The Secretary of the Treasury to inform you of his action in the matter.

Outside of the School building, there are two large and three small Government buildings, which Mrs Young is occupying

And in which there is abundance of room for the purposes of her home.

I remain with great respect
Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 15th 7

Mr James R. Kibler
245 Juniata St. Allegheny Pa

Sir

Yours of the 12th is received. We have received official notice of the drowning of Prof S.A. Sayman. At the same time there is a bare possibility that he may yet turn up. The parties that went in search of Mr Sayman & his party found there canoe with a bag of flour & some blankets. If the canoe had upset, the flour would have gone to the bottom. It is possible they landed on the beach & the canoe got away from them ~~They~~ If this was the case they may be on an Island & yet turn up, or they may have perished from exposure - All we know is that two parties have been out in search of them. Both parties saw the canoe but did not find any bodies.

It is probable they are dead. It is hardly possible they are alive.

I have not communicated our slender hope to Mrs Lyman, as it would only prolong her agony to think that her husband might be dying from exposure.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 16th /

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Sister

Yours of the 14th just received. All the world to the contrary Rev Mr Blain did not accompany me to Alaska. I offered to take him & his wife but they declined going. I then offered to take Rev Mr Dillon (M.E. Clergyman) and Mr & Mrs Spencer (of the M.E. Ch Port Townsend) They agreed to go. Through a miscalculation of the Captain in loading, when we reached Port Townsend, there was room for only one half of Mr Spencer's furniture and consequently Mr Spencer refused to go. I tried to persuade Rev Mr Dillon to go, but he would not go without the Spencers. Consequently Mr & Mrs Stan E. Carr, are the only Methodists that

accompanied me. They are lovely people & we all became much attached to them. I feel confident they will greatly attach the people to them & thus win their way.

The first vessels to leave San Francisco will be March 5th, so that if you write, if needs be right away. Address.
"Mrs John H. Carr. Unga. Alaska
Care of Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St. San Francisco. California"

Upon my return to Seattle the last of Dec 1886 I met Rev Mr Blaine in the Sitka and had a talk with him, so that he had not even gone to Alaska on his own account

Now as to Unalaska - The Roman Catholics did not avail themselves of the opportunity to send teachers to Unalaska.

When I reached there the Greek Church had a School in operation. If I had been able to put a teacher in, he would have had but very few pupils, as the Greek priest would have forbidden their attendance.

However we will have to meet it sooner or later.

If the Methodists only had the means to put up buildings & establish a boarding and Training School, into which orphans & waifs from all that section could be gathered, I feel sure the Government would be at most of the expense of running it. Sooner or later such a School will be established by some one at that Central point.

I have written Bro Arms that it is not probable that there will be an opening for him at present in Government employ. It is not yet settled, but all the indications are that Congress will appropriate but a mere pittance for the School work in Alaska & that we will be unable to Establish any new Schools -

If the Blair Educational Bill passes it will greatly help Alaska -

If you have let Miss Fletcher slip without asking her all about Mrs Carr, I

am very sorry. for she could & would tell you a great deal more than I could - Some how a woman sees more than a man. Miss Fletcher stands high & has spoken in the leading Methodist & Presbyterian Churches of this City.

She is invited to deliver a series of lectures at Smith College. Mass. She has held large & fashionable meetings at Newport R.I. Hartford ~~Conn~~ New Haven Conn. She is one of the speakers at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Miss Soc of the Presbytery of New York City

I have had a desk ~~with her at this~~ in the same room with her at this office for a year - and was with her 104 days on shipboard. I consider her an Evangelical Christian What did you hear about her. I know that some of the friends of the Indians in Boston have so far listened to the representations or misrepresentations of Bright Eyes.

(Mrs Tittle)

that Miss Fletcher has been accused of defrauding the Indians — On this point I know that the best informed people here side with Miss Fletcher. Moreover the Brothers & Sisters of Bright Eyes side with Miss F- against their own Sister.

I inclose for your reading Mr Carr's letter. Please return it to me at once.

Suppose you mail them some flower & garden seeds. They attempted to take some household plants with them, but they were washed overboard or died on the way.

From his letter I judge they are living & teaching in an inconvenient wharehouse.

I wish the Ladies could send $750 for a Methodist parsonage.

Do your work well at Unga & that will encourage the Government to give you other places. I send you a statement of the Moravian work. Surely the Great M.E. Ch can do as much as that small

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denomination.

If you & the Boston Sec of the Baptist Woman's F. M. Soc will agree upon several Meetings, I will make the addresses.

What would you think of an arrangement like this. A meeting in Boston one day for the M. E. Ladies of Boston & surrounding towns. The next day a similar meeting for the Baptist Ladies.

Then a joint Meeting for Meth & Bap Ladies at each of the following Centres. Providence R. I. Springfield Mass. Hartford & New Haven Conn. These Meetings can follow each other day after day so as to economise time. and expense. There would be no charge except for travelling Expenses. Such a series of Meetings ought to raise you a fund for parsonage without any trouble. You might have a Ladies Meeting in the P.M. & a general Meeting in the Evening of each day —

Please return Mr Cook's letter at once. You can take a copy if you wish it.

Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson General Agent.

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Washington D.C. Feb. 17th

Miss Clara A. Gould:

Madam:—

I have this day mailed to you for the use of your school the following supplies:—

1 Doz. Spelling books
4 " Lead pencils
2. Boxes Pens
Blotting Pads
12 lbs Writing Paper
4 Doz. Silicate Slates
4 Boxes Slate Pencils.

Truly yours

General Agent

Washington City
Feb. 17th

Miss Lydia M. Cox:

Madam! —

I have this day mailed to your address of your school the following supplies: —

8 doz sponges
3 " Decins assiegés, Silk & Silver at $27.
Washington & Georgetown.

Truly yours &c
Samuel Tyler.

Washington D.C. Feb. 17th

Geo. B. Johnston,
Juneau Alaska.

Sir:—

You will please make out and return to this office a complete inventory of all books, giving the number of each kind & the name of the series, pencils, chairs, desks, stoves, black-boards, maps, & other furniture belonging to the school.

You will also please make out and transmit to this office in duplicate a bill of government supplies needed from July 1st to June 30th 1888.

Attention to this will secure you the needed supplies at the opening of the school year.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Miss M. Powell, Sitka, Alaska. Miss E. Patton Sitka "
Miss L. McCoy Wrangle " Miss C. Paul Skookum "
Miss E. Currier Kiowack "

Washington D.C. Feb 17th 1

Dr. F. F. White:

Sir:—

I have this day mailed to you—for the use of your school the following supplies:—

2 Doz. Lead Pencils
2 " Watsons Independent Readers {U.S. Series}
2 " Health Primers No. 2.
1 " Watsons 3rd " Readers
1 " " 4th " "

Truly Yours
Melden J. Cokene
General Agent

Hon C. R. Breckinridge
" W. C. P. "
" Benj Butterworth
" Thos C. Caldwings
" A. G. Curtin
" B. M. Culkeson
" Thos Ryan
" G. G. Symes
" Thos B. Ward
" Thos B. Reed

Hon J. B. Gilfillan
" D. R. James
" H. A. Johnston
" John D. Long
" E. N. Morrill
" W. H. Nesce
" K Nelson
" W. W. Phelps
J. A. Anderson

Feb 18th

Hon John A. Anderson

House of Representatives

Hon & Dear Sir

As the Senate Amendments to the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill are before the House for consideration, allow me to call your attention to Amendment 197, which provides for the support of the public schools in Alaska.

Please use your influence with your fellow members to have that Amendment concurred in.

The Secretary of the Interior sent a Special Message to Congress asking for the $25000.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D. C. Feb. 17th 7

Mr E. G. Klose

Bethlehem Pa.

Dear Brother

Much obliged for copies of the Moravian for June 9th & 16th.

The illustrations for the Report on Education in Alaska have been received from the Heliotype Printing Co. 211 Tremont St. Boston Mass. And the pamphlet is being made up. If you do not receive next week the 75 copies you ordered, if you will write me I will look after them for you.

In the mean time it may be well to write the Heliotype Printing Co to return the Negatives (including that of the group of Moravian Missionaries) which you so kindly loaned them.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 18th 7

Mrs S. A. Sayman
813 Union St San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sister

I would suggest that you take out the necessary legal papers as administratrix of your late husbands estate. That will enable you to ~~Cash~~ sign his Checks and get the money on them. I have no power to make out Checks, or control the salary of teachers, or else I would exchange the Check and make it payable to your order. If you can not get it Cashed in S. F. I would suggest that you go before a Notary public and have a sworn Affidavit made to the effect that Mr Sayman was drowned about such a date, that you are his legal widow and entitled to any sums due him. Then mail the Check and Affidavit to me, & I will go over to

this disbursing office with them & try than ~~than~~ a new check made out payable to your order.

Further. if you care to go back to Alaska as a teacher, if there are any openings, I will try and secure you a position.

The appropriation is yet uncertain & I am unable at present to formulate any plans. It is possible however that the Commissioner would be able to send you to Juneau or Haines. I doubt if the Government will try to keep a school this coming year among the Cape Fox & Tongass people.

When you formulate any plans for the future, if you would like a school in Alaska, please write me -

The Lord bless and direct you
Kind regards to Mr Pracht & family
Also Col Bond & family -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th

Hon Louis E. McComas
House of Representatives

Hon & Dear Sir

I notice in the Congressional Record with great pleasure your motion to concur in Senate Amendment 197 to Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill

You may not succeed in pushing it through the House, but a good ventilation of the subject in the House will help make public sentiment and ought to help when the question comes before the Conference Committee of the two Houses.

Unless Congress gives the $25000 asked for, some of the present schools will be closed and the children remanded back to barbarism

On the printed copy of the "Estimate"

The Secretary of the Interior asked for an appropriation of $15000 for Education in Alaska. Afterwards he became convinced that $15000 was not sufficient and he sent a special message to Congress asking for $25000. As the bill had already passed the House and was before the Senate, he sent the message direct to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. I enclose you a copy of the letter.

You have a good chance to carry your amendment. Last year the amendment to the Committee's report was made by Mr ~~Tarsney~~ Long. And there were ayes 79. Noes 65. Mr Randall then raised the question of quorum. Tellers were appointed & vote stood 82 to 82. The presiding officer decided it in the negative. (Congressional Record. June 27. 1886 pp 6507–6510)

1st Article 3rd of the treaty of 1867 pledges those people. "All the rights, advantages & immunities of ~~the~~ Citizens of the United States

2

The Russian Government supported Schools through the Russian American Fur Co for over 50 years.

3rd

When the American Government took Charge the people looked to it for the Continuance of Schools.

4th

In the Winter of 1869 & 70 an appropriation for 1870 & 71 gave 50^{00} for Education in Alaska. There being difficulties concerning its wise disbursement at the time It was not used for that purpose — It was therefore 17 years before any Government Schools were Started in that Country.

5th

In the Organic Act 1884 an appropriation of $25000 was made for public Schools. In 1886 & 7 — $15000.

6 Public

There are now 15 Schools in Existence supported by this Appropriation These Schools require $25000 for their Continued Existence —

Any less sum means that some of them shall be disbanded — the teachers left without Employment — 4000 miles from home, and the Children demanded back to barbarism

7

The Annual Revenue of Alaska paid into the Gov't Treasury at Washington is $325,000 00/100 Surely it is not too much to return $25000 to these people for the Education of their Children

Fully yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th

Hon Louis E. McComas
House of Representatives

Hon & dear Sir

In listening to the debate this afternoon on Education in Alaska I would make the following notes.

1st

Congress directed the Secretary of the Interior to make needful provision for the Education of the Children of Alaska giving him $25000 for the purpose

2nd

The Secretary obeys by directing the Commissioner of Education to submit to him a plan for carrying the law into effect.

3rd

The U.S. Commissioner of Education prepares a plan for the establishment

of the ordinary ~~undenominational and non sectarian~~ public Schools of the Country, which plan is approved by the Secretary.

4th

This plans involves a General Agent who performs the duties of a territorial Superintendent of public Schools.

5th

It involves undenominational and unsectarian Schools to be taught in the English language.

6th

It requires skilled teachers with first grade teacher's Certificates.

7th

The teachers are paid by the Disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior upon vouchers Certified to by the General Agent of Education and approved by the U. S. Comr of Education.

~~8~~ 8

All payments of whatever kind from the Fund for the Education of Children in Alaska are made by the Disbursing Officer of the Department of the Interior, subject to all the Checks & Safeguards which are by law thrown around the disbursements of that Department.

9.

Neither the Commissioner of Education or the General Agent of Education in Alaska have the handling of any of the funds.

10

The $20.000 appropriated under the Indian Bill is disbursed by the Indian Bureau of the Dep^t of the Interior for Industrial Boarding Schools and reaches about 200 Children

11

The $25.000 of the Sundry Civil Bill is for all the other 10.000 Children of Alaska. And is expended for year

such public Schools as are in operation in Ohio or Texas.

12

The population of Alaska can be divided approximately as follows.

Citizens that have emigrated from the States & Territories into Alaska	4000
Citizens by treaty with Russia	4000
Citizens recognized by the U. S. District Court. the Semi Civilized Thlingets	6437
" Haydah	788
Uncivilized Eskimo	17617
" Indians of the Interior	8700
	37932

Or 15.215 that are recognized as Citizens

And 22.717 Uncivilized natives.

The above will answer some of the questions proposed

Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 21st

Hon Wm C. P. Breckinridge L.L.D
House of Representatives

Hon & dear Sir

When the Sundry Civil Bill is reported from the Comte of the Whole House to the House of Representatives please keep watch of the Amendment 197. on Education in Alaska, lest Mr Randall succeed in reversing the Action of the Comte of the Whole House

Our need of the $25000 is so great that it is my apology for writing you again on that subject

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 21st 7

Mrs F. F. White
Orono, Maine

Madam

Yours of the 17th is received. The Bureau objects to a second male teacher at Juneau, because they think they can get along with a Lady teacher who will require less salary, and thus make the appropriation, which is limited go that much farther.

We do not yet know how large the appropriation for Education will be, but it will not be over $25000.

We do not know that a second school will be allowed this season, but if it is, we will try to find a Lady teacher who will undertake the work.

I will probably go up in May.

If you should be ready to go up then it will give me pleasure to render you any assistance in my power.

If the Commissioner of Education shall conclude to allow a lady teacher for Douglass Island, perhaps you can find a suitable one for us among your friends. She must be an experienced teacher. In December our teacher at Port Tongass was drowned, and if his widow, who is an experienced teacher, should desire a place, we will feel under obligations to send her. If the way opens for you to select one I will let you know.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 23 7

Mr George Howle
1823 Sutter St. S Francisco

Dear Sir

Yours of Feb 12th is received
A Treasury Warrant for $80. rent up
to Jan 1st was mailed you at Jamai
Jan 17th. You will probably receive
it when you return home. If you
do not hear from it, please let me
know.

I congratulate you on getting the
money for a Mill

Wishing you all success I
remain with great respect
Yours Truly
Shelton Jackson
Land Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 23 /

Mr W. H. Bond

San Francisco Cal

Dear Sir

Your letter of Feb 14th in behalf of Mrs Sayman is just received.

I have already written her, that if she wishes a school in Alaska, that I think I can secure her one.

I do not think we will continue the school among the Tongass or at Loring this season. Still we may. I will probably need Mrs Sayman at Juneau. Be sure that I will gladly do what I can for her.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter I remain

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 23rd /

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St
Boston Mass

Madam

Much obliged for your full letter. Forwarned is forarmed! Since writing you, I have learned that the sailing of vessels upon which I am dependent will take me to Alaska a month earlier than I intended. Consequently what addresses you want from me, better be had about Mch 9th!

What would you say to some arrangement like this? Meeting for Meth & Bap women at Hartford, Springfield or Worcester on Tuesday March 8th. Boston at your meeting on the 9th. Baptist Ladies of Boston on 10th. Providence R.I

on 11th. Those three meetings will open the ball for you, and another season if life is spared I can give you more time.

It is very important that I should have a personal interview with you & also the Baptist Ladies. There is so much to be said before you can fully grasp the situation, that I despair of being able to do it by letter.

Mrs Carr is not in the employment of the Govt - Only her husband. She is free to accept a commission from your Society, and I know desires to be connected with you. Her husband's position of course is dependant on an annual appropriation. But it is probable that he will be continued there for years.

You will rejoice with me to know that yesterday Congress gave us $25000. for Education in Alaska.

This will sustain schools until June 30th 1888.

I do not know what the fare from Washington to Boston is, but it will not be much, and some one at the meetings will become so stirred up & moved that without solicitation they will offer you far more than the fare.

I fear you will remain this coming year somewhat in doubt of what is best to be done as you was last year, unless you have a personal interview & sift matters to the bottom.

It may be well for you to write the Presiding Elder of the Puget Sound District concerning Mr & Mrs John H. Carr.

Very truly yours -
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

March 13th to 20th I have engagements in Washington, & early in April, hope to leave the City to get ready to return to Alaska

The "Native Races", which you sent to the Presbyterian Woman's Exec. Com^tee for at 280 Broadway N.Y., is out of print. They will soon publish a revised edition, corrected to date, which they will probably send you as soon as published.

In the mean time I send you a copy of their "Alaska Conversations" recently published.

I enclose you a few "Native races" that I have on hand; also a leaflet of Moravian Missions. Also a circular of my Mission book. Which your auxiliaries can get the reading of by securing it for the Sabbath School library of the Church with which they are connected.

I think likely you could arrange with the publisher by which any one ordering through your Society could secure it for $1.25 instead of $1.50 - or possibly less.

Washington D.C.
Feb 23 /

Mrs F. B. Walker
New York.

Dear Sister

Yours of the 17th is before me. The Alaska Catechisms also are received with thanks.

I am very sorry to hear that you have been sick. I trust you have regained your strength again.

I hope the Ladies of the Ex Comte will use all their influence to have Lillie sent to Sitka. Mrs Young has no place for her and it would be cruel to send her there. Mrs McFarland I understand has only a few in the Home & does not need her. At Sitka she can both do good & receive good. As to the Boxes - I will write this mail to Mr John Morrow, Supt

of the City Schools at Allegheny, concerning the contents of the boxes - I understand he sent them. I think he is a United Presbyterian.

I wrote you last week concerning a good map for the Alaska leaflet, which I think can be borrowed from Rev Eugene Smith, Editor of "Gospel in All Lands" 805 Broadway New York. I have sent to him for a copy for myself -

It will add much to the value of your leaflet.

I got my appropriation ($25000) through Congress yesterday. I hope now to be able to prepare Mrs Pinkes an article for the Home Mission Monthly

I am very glad you had Miss Fletcher in New York! -

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 23d 7

Prof John Morrow
Supt of Public Schools. Hillsboro

Dear Brother

Much obliged for Copy of 31st Annual Report of your City Schools.

Mrs Sayman writes me that you had very kindly sent her husband four very large boxes of Clothing for the use of his School at Loring or Longcas.

Now that he has gone to his reward and the School been necessarily suspended, it is not probable that we will resume it this Coming Season

As the freight on the boxes is about $50. She wants me to take them off her hands. If it is agreeable with your wishes & that of the other donors I might take them for the Industrial

School, at Sitka, where they are greatly needed. If you or any one who assisted you in packing them, can give me a list of contents, or an idea of the amount & kind of clothes, please do so -

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington

Feb 8th

Mr. Joseph Harrison

Mt. Sterling

Dear Sir

The U.S. Mail is needed now to make a change in Alaska this year and will take the Civil Officers and the U.S. Court from Sitka to Behring's. If you can take the Line (Contract) and need Lots to make the trip, I think there will be no difficulty in taking you Line.

You have Made so profitable for Alaska that you are entitled to the trip and would receive a very warm welcome. If you think favorably of it, please let me know & I will do all in my power on this subject before you leave the City.

Yours truly, Yours

Thomas Ryan

Memoranda

of Obligations to Alaska Schools & teachers March 1st 1887. and extending to June 30th 1887.

Salary of Genl Agt		Feb 1st to June 30.	496.70
" "		Travelling Expenses	84.20
" Octavius Parker.	St Michael	(12 mos)	1500.00
" W.H. Weinland	Bethel	(")	1500.00
" J. H. Carr.	Unga	(7 mos)	1050.00
" W. E. Roscoe	Kadiak	(6 mos)	900.00
" J. A. Wirth	Afognak	(7 mos)	350.00
	Rent of School Building	12 mos.	60.00
" Geo B. Johnston	Killisnoo	(6 mos)	720.00
	Rent of School Building	(8 mos)	80.00
" Elizabeth Patton	Sitka	(6 mos)	480.00
" Margaret Powell	"	(6 mos)	480.00
" Sal Ripinsky	Haines	(6 mos)	120.00
" Dr H. H. White	Juneau	(6 mos)	900.00
	Rent of School Building	(")	120.00
" Lyda McAvoy.	Wrangell.	(")	480.00
" L. W. Currie	Klawack	(")	900.00
	Rent of School Building	(10 mos)	50.00
" Clara A Gould.	Jackson	(10 mos)	800.00
			$ 11070.90

There will be some incidental expenses of Schools in Alaska which can not be contributed until the time.

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

Meals
Dec
16 - 1.50
17 - 2.00
18 - 0.90
19 - 0.90
20 - 0.90
21 - 0.75
22 - 1.15
23 - 1.10
$9.20

Commissioner

		Notary Fees	0.25
March	1	For Services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a Salary of $1200 per annum For the Month of February	93.40
Sept	26	8 days Board at Seattle at $2½ (Sub voucher 1/2)	20.00
Dec	15	" State room on Steamer " 2	1.00
"	"	" 1 Ticket Seattle to Portland " 3	8.00
"	17	" Room at Hotel Portland " 4	1.00
"	"	Transfer of Baggage " " 4	0.75
"	"	Sleeper Portland to St Paul " 5	15.00
"	"	1 Ticket St Paul to Washington " 6	23.25
"	21	Sleeper St Paul to Chicago " 7	2.00
"	22	" Chicago to Harrisburg " 8	4.00
"	23	Meals enroute from December 16th to December 23rd 86 (8 days)	9.20
			177.85

One hundred and seventy seven 85/100

Sheldon Jackson

Memoranda of Meals en route from Puget Sound to Washington.

December 16, 1886		Breakfast	0.50
"	"	Dinner	0.50
"	"	Supper	0.50
" 17	"	Breakfast	0.67
"	"	Dinner	0.75
"	"	Supper	0.58
" 18th	"	Breakfast	0.75
"	"	Dinner	0.15
" 19	"	Breakfast	0.75
"	"	Dinner	0.15
" 20	"	Breakfast	0.75
"	"	Dinner	0.15
" 21	"	Breakfast	0.75
" 22	"	Breakfast	0.50
"	"	Dinner	0.50
"	"	Supper	0.15
" 23	"	Breakfast	0.50
"	"	Dinner	0.50
"	"	Supper	0.10
			$9.20

Agt
John H. Carr Unga
W. E. Roscoe Kadiak
L. A. Wirth Afognak.

Washington D.C.
Feb 28th

Prof W. H. Weinland
Bethel Alaska

Dear Sir

I mail you to day a number of blank Monthly Reports. Which you will please fill out in duplicate and return to this office.

I also send you some blank Vouchers, to which you will please write your name on the last line of each and mail to this office.

You can do them up securely in a package & then paste on them the enclosed slip, which will bring them free of postage.

Truly Yours
Malcom Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
March 1st 7

Mrs S. A. Layman

Please mail me at once the freight receipt on the boxes of things from Allegheny and I will send you a check for the money Also please send me an order on the Pacific Coast Steamship Co to deliver said boxes (addressed to Mr Layman) to Mr Wm A. Kelly. Training School, Sitka Alaska.

If you wish a school in Alaska at $800 per year, let me know & I will try & have you appointed.

The only openings I now know of will be at Juneau or Haines.

Kind regards to Mr Pracht & family. The Lord bless & comfort you

Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 1st /

Agt of Pacific Coast Steamship Co
Port Townsend W. Terr

Sir

Mrs Sayman informs me that she left at Port Townsend two boxes of School supplies, marked to her husband, Mr S.A. Sayman, Port Longaas v. Loring Alaska. As Mr Sayman is dead the boxes will now be sent to Wm A. Kelly. Supt of School at Sitka Alaska.

Please give enclosed letter to the Purser of the Alaska Steamer & call his attention to the boxes.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 1st 7

Mr M. A. Bucknam
Purser of S.S. Idaho
Port Townsend W. Terr

Sir-

Mrs Savinan informs me that four boxes were enroute to her husband at Port Ludgas at the time of his drowning. That two of them were delivered at Port Ludgas & the other two left at Port Townsend.

The two that are at Port Townsend please take up and deliver to Mr Wm A. Kelly Supt of the School at Sitka Alaska.

The freight bill you can send at once to me at Washington. Please see that the freight is not duplicated. Prof Morrow, who sent the boxes, prepaid the freight from Allegheny Pennsylvania to Puget Sound. And Mrs Savinan writes

me that she paid $28 $\frac{47}{100}$ at Port Tongass.
When I come up in April I will arrange with you to remove the School Supplies from Port Tongass
Very Truly Yours.
Sheldon Jackson
U. S. General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 1st

Rev Eugene R. Smith
New York N.Y.

Dear Brother

Please accept my thanks for Electro of Map of Alaska just received

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
March 1st /

Dear Bro Davis

Yours of the 23d was awaiting my return to the city.

I am very sorry I did not see you when I called the last week in Dec as I would have spoken to you concerning Frederick.

However some of the Ladies, who are supporting him, are specially interested in Mt Harmon School, and perhaps would not have been satisfied if he had been sent elsewhere -

I have secured $25000 for the coming year. It was a square fight in the House and Mr Randall was beaten on a yea & nay vote. 143 for the appropriation & 104 against -

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

Washington D.C.
March 1st

Mrs L. H. Daggett

You have made a good beginning for Mrs Carr.

I shall waiting to hear what you want me next week Wednesday.

If I come, of course I will be glad to have an interview with Mr Mrs Arms. I can make no farther arrangements with you for Alaska until I have a personal interview, so that I can have you fully understand the situation.

In haste
Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 1st

Messrs Goodall. Perkins & Co
San Francisco Cal

Sirs

Yours of Feb 16th is received, also package of Folders. Please send me 50 more Folders. I can use them to good advantage. Two of my friends from Columbus O., two from La Porte Ind and several from this City now expect to take the Alaska trip this coming Summer.

I return you the Ticket you so kindly issued to me last season, Please send me a similar one for 1887. And greatly oblige

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 22 /

Mr Geo W. Evans
Disbursing Clerk. Dept of the Interior

Sir-

On or about the 17th of January last you sent a check for Salary to Mr S. A. Newman, teacher of Public School at Port Longas. Alaska.

Before the check ($63 60/100) reached him he was dead. His widow needing the money to enable her to reach her friends at Congruity Penna signed her own name to the check No 44785.

If it is a proper thing to do, please notify the Sub Treasurer at New York to honor the order when it is received

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 2d

Mr May Pracht.
405. Front St. San Francisco

Sir

Your three letters of Feb 22 & 23 are before me. I am sorry that Mrs Sayman did not heed my advice and take out letters of administration and the sign the Check as administratrix.

The Assistant Treasurer at New York has no power to cash the Check until she signs it as administratrix.

Consequently it will be returned to the Crocker Woolworth National Bank unpaid. The only way she can do will be for you to return the Check (when it comes back to you) to her, and let her send you a Check for the Amount. In the meantime she can take out letters of adminis-

tration and when the Check is returned to her she can sign it officially and have it cashed at the nearest bank among her friends.

There is no other way by which she can secure the money. She must take out letters of administration.

I will write her at Congruity Pa.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 2 /7

Mrs S. A. Sayman
Congruity Pa.

Madam

Your note of Jan 23d is just received & immediately went over to the disbursing Office of the Interior Department to see if I could arrange for the payment of your Check when it reached New York.

I find that the Assistant Treasurer at New York has no power to cash the Check unless duly signed by Mr Sayman himself. or by some one appointed by a Court to legally sign his papers.

As I wrote you on Feb 18th your best way is to take out letters of administration upon your husband's estate.

The Check will be returned

from New York to the San Francisco Bank unpaid. The Frisco Bank will charge the amount to Mr Pracht. and return him the check. Then he will send return the check to you. And you can sign it as administratrix, Then you must have attached to the check a certified copy under seal of the letters of administration When you have done that you can get it cashed among your friends and send your own check to Mr Pracht to repay him, or you can make the Govt check payable to his order & return that to him. The first however will be better.

Please send me the receipt for the freight paid on the boxes sent from Allegheny to Longass & I will send you the money. Also send me an order for the Pacific Coast Steamship

les Port Townsend W. Terr to deliver the boxes marked to S. A. Sayman Port Tongass or Loring to Mr Wm A Kelly. Training School Sitka Alaska

If you feel like returning to Alaska I will try and secure you a position at either Juneau or Haines at $800 per annum.

I have written you at San Francisco & Allegheny –

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 4th 7

Messrs Goodall, Perkins & Co
San Francisco. Cal

Gns

Your letter of Feb 24th enclosing voucher for freight on Government School Supplies to Killisnoo is just received.

I have had it audited and sent over to the disbursing Office for payment. Hope you will receive a check for it, in a day or two —

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 4th

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St

Dear Sister

Yours of March 2d is just received. The fare from Washington to Boston is $12.20 Out & return is $24.40/100 Meals & Sleeping car Cr will bring it near to $30. I will therefore telegraph you that I will come for 3 meetings at $9 each. Which makes $27. Therefore arrange for Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - or ~~The~~ Wednesday Thursday & Friday as suits you best. I am so hurried here that I would prefer not to take more than 3 days - Telegraph me what you conclude on. I address the Ladies of the Baltimore Conference this afternoon at Baltimore.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 8th

Mr S. A. Brown
Chief Clerk. Dept of State

Dear Sir

If they are publications of your office, please send me a copy of Lieu Patterns Report on "Japanese Agriculture" and on "Japanese Shoes"

If at any time you wish any of the publications of this Bureau, please let me know.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 7th 7

Hon James B. Beck.
U.S. Senate

Hon and dear Sir

In this hour of your sudden and sore bereavement, I hasten to assure you of the deep sympathy of many whom you have never met.

Among these unknown friends are the teachers in the Government Schools in Alaska. They remember with gratitude how unselfishly you served them in the Senate, and now when they hear of your great sorrow, they will sincerely sorrow with you. And those of them who are Christians will daily pray that the Savior Jesus, who alone can fully enter into all your sorrows, will comfort you as he only can.

Your sympathizing friend
Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 7 7

Prof J.C. Calhoun
University of Alabama

Dear Sir

The Hon. T.H.R. Dawson Commissioner of Education has called my attention to the offer of the University to supply teachers and asked me to write you.

I want like for our Alaska Schools one picked man.

For such an one we will give $1200 the first year, and if he proves successful $1500 the second year.

The Schools are Government day Schools similar to the ordinary common School of the Northern States. They are taught in the

English language among a people who do not understand English
It is the purpose of the Government through these schools to train the rising generation into English speaking American Citizens
They are of course like other public schools on a non-sectarian basis
It is the purpose of the Government however as far as possible to have teachers that are themselves Christian believing that under the peculiar conditions of that country, more others will do good work or be contented to remain Deciding that it is best to send Christian men, we are trying to select them from all the leading denominations for two reasons
1st It will widen the circle of sympathy and quicken the interest of the general public in Alaska Education. and 2nd it will prevent the

cry of Sectarianism.

The teachers in addition to good teaching ability and a warm Christian heart, need to possess some knowledge of human nature, sound sense, tact in dealing with men (for they will meet the jealousy of the Russo-Greek Church which predominates in that region) good health & a cheerful disposition (the long nights of winter are depressing)

They have no mail from September to April and at irregular intervals in the summer. They will have discomforts & inconveniences that it will be impossible to guard against, but then the country is beautiful in the long days of summer and not as cold in winter as the country north of the Ohio River & South of the Lakes.

But those who go should have a missionary spirit, and not go

for Comfort, Climate or Scenery or Salary. To those who go for the sake of Science and humanity there is an open field of great promise

The Government further wishes married teachers. The teacher needs a comfortable home. An well ordered American home is in itself an object lesson for the Elevation of those people. The teacher needs a good wife to keep his courage up in the work

Then the temptations to licentiousness are so great in that region, that it is not wise to subject an unmarried man to the temptation

If you think it worth while, perhaps I can arrange to visit the University this Spring & deliver one or two addresses on Alaska — & mail you a copy of my report —

If you think you have a young man that will answer our purpose

3-

please write me about him -

It will be a good thing for your University to have its representative helping shape the educational system of distant Alaska.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
March 14

Messrs S. W. Partridge & Co
London Eng

Dear Sir

Yours of Feb 28th is received in which you offer to exchange the electro of the Moravian Missionaries published in "Illustrated Missionary News" for Oct 1st 1886. for "any interesting subject you may offer"

I send you proofs of some cuts from Alaska. We have a number of others, but probably you will find something that will please you among the Enclosed. I can accompany the Electro, with a letter press description of the cut. Please mail the Electro of the Missionaries to me at once & greatly oblige Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 18 7

Mr E. W. Wersner
Lehana, Kansas

Dear Brother

Your letter of the 12th is before me. Now with regard to a Missionary field, permit me to say that the Presbyterians are occupying the South East Corner of Alaska and have Mission Stations among all the leading tribes. The Protestant Episcopal Church have commissioned Missionaries to the Yukon Valley. The Moravians have Missions in the Kuskokwim and Nushagak Vallies. The Methodist on the Aleutian Islands and the Baptist on Kadiak Island. This leaves Cook's Inlet open to the Friends

and it is to that region I would recommend you to make your explorations this summer.

The only way you can reach there is to go to San Francisco and take the Steamer of the Alaska Commercial Co to Kadiak (it leaves San Francisco about 1st of May. You had better write "Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St San Francisco. California to write you when the next steamer or schooner will go to Kadiak).

From Kadiak occassionally small schooners sail to Cook's Inlet, on which you can take passage.

You will need woolen clothes & winter flannels for the trip. and at least $500. in your pocket.

I send you the Expense circular of the Moravian Expeditions.

Also map of Country

If it is your purpose to remain

in that country for a year, you ought to take $1200.00 with you

If I can answer any further questions please write me

For you to go to South Eastern Alaska will not help you any, as you can not get across from ~~Kodiak~~ Sitka to Kadiak & Cook's Inlet.

At San Francisco, call on Cutting & Co. They have a Salmon Cannery on Cook's Inlet & may be sending a vessel direct to the Inlet, which will be cheaper for you.

The Lord direct you in all your plans -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 18 /

Mr John W. Chapman
38 Barker St. New York

Dear Sir

Yours of the 16th is before me I am very glad you are commissioned for Alaska.

As to outfit – take two pair of good rubber boots that come up to your hips. – A good rubber coat. – plenty of good woolen under clothing. – two pair of rubber blankets & two pair of woolen blankets for camping out.

For outside winter wear I would advise you to purchase of the Natives and use their fur clothing.

I can not say how extensive the assortment of goods carried by the Alaska Commercial Co, but it will

be safe for you to procure in San Francisco Everything that you will need, including a good supply of Medicines &c.

In your Communications with the Alaska Commercial Co for information Address the "President of the Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St. San Francisco. California"

You had better write them at once to secure a berth on the Steamer, also learn when she sails. I think it is early in May.

The A.C.Co are the best ones to inform you of what supplies are in the Store at Unalaska, and what you need to carry with you.

If you expect to teach school in Alaska, it will be well for you to go before the school board of New York and stand an examination for a school teachers Certificate. When received please mail to me, or have

the Dr Langford forward it.

I send you Map of County. If there is any help I can furnish you please let me know.

I sent McCart Supplies with Rev C. Parker that will probably be sufficient for your work for the first year

If I can answer any further questions please let me know.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Alaska Schools for the year 1887-8

Anvik.	Yukon River	$1500.00
Bethel	Kuskokwim River	1500.00
Nushagak.	Nushagak River	1500.00
Unalashka.		1500.00
Unga		1500.00
Kodiak		1500.00
Afognak		500.00
Wood Island		800.00
Kaguiak		250.00
Chinos		800.00
Koonak		600.00
Juneau		1500.00
Killisnoo		1000.00
Sitka No 1		1500.00
Sitka No 2		800.00
Fort Wrangell		800.00
Klawack		1500.00
Jackson		800.00
		19850.00

Rent of School Houses (Juneau. Afognak. and Unalashka	750.00
Erection of School House at Killisnoo	750.00
" " " Klawack	750.00
Repair " " Ft Wrangell	400.00
Travelling expenses of Division Supts	500.00
Proposed Salary of Genl Agent	2000.00
	25000.00

Washington D.C.
March 22

Rev John W. Chapman
New York.

Dear Brother

Yours of the 19th received. For scientific apparatus write to the Prof Spencer F. Baird. (Director of Smithsonian Institution) 1445 Massachusetts Avenue. Washington D.C. and Maj Gen A. W. Greely (Chief Signal Officer) 1914 G. St N.W. Washington D.C. They may loan you some instruments, but have no funds with which to pay for work.

For permission to take in cartridges have Dr Langford write the Secretary of the Treasury for permission.

I have forgotten what pamphlets I mailed you. If you will send me

a list of titles, I will let you know if any are to be returned. I presume they do not need to be returned, or I would have written you to that effect. If you do not see me in New York, can you not come this way on your route to San Francisco?

Do not hesitate to write me at any time.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
March 22 7

Mr Eugene S. Cattron
Monmouth Or

Dear Sir

Your letter is received. I regret to say that the appropriation for schools in Alaska is so small that we will be unable to take up new work this coming year. And consequently there will be no demand for teachers in that section.

I will keep your letter on file & if anything should turn up to your advantage I will write you.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 22

Mrs Ruth S. Baldwin
Palmyra Mo

Madam

Yours of the 19th is just recd
The Mission Genealogy is still unfinished
because of want of time.

The Contract and cuts are at
Carlisle Pa and when I go up there
this Spring. I will return them to
your Mother, if she wishes them.
I have paid out cash for clerk hire on
the work $255.05. And as much more
will be needed before the work is ready
for the printer.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 22

Mr H. D. Clayton
President of University of Alabama

Dear Sir

Comr Dawson has turned over to me your letter of the 17th.

In addition to the salary of $1200 for a married teacher in Alaska, the Bureau will allow $300 towards travelling expenses. Or what amounts to the same thing, and is better both for the teacher & Bureau, we will give him a salary of $1500. and he pay his own travelling expenses.

If you know of some graduate who has been teaching two or three years and proved successful, we would prefer him to one, who is about graduating and is untried. It is a long way

to send an untried man. If he proves unsuccessful and becomes dissatisfied he is a long way from home.

For further information concerning our plans I insert here an extract from my report for 1875-76.

Within the last few days I have been carefully reviewing the needs of the work for the School year commencing

September 1887 and find that, if you can find me a good teacher that belongs to the Presbyterian or United Presbyterian Church, he can have charge of the two Schools at Sitka the Capital of the Territory. He will be expected to teach one and have a lady assistant in the other.

Commissioner Dawson is now considering the question of Creating three District or Division Superintendents in Alaska. If he decides to do so, the teacher at Sitka will also be the Superintendent of the Sitka Division comprising South Eastern Alaska, with an area equal to the Combined States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey.

But with or without the Superintendency the position at Sitka is the most influential one in Alaska.

At Sitka there is a Female White

population, with social & Church privileges — a mail once a month, and during the summer a steamer once a week!

I mention the teacher should be a Presbyterian because all the religious work done in South East Alaska is by the Presbyterian Mission Board.

Perhaps Prof Coltman, whom the Commissioner informs me is a Presbyterian, or Rev Dr Stillman can assist you in finding the right man.

If you find him and it seems to you desirable that there should be a personal interview, I will try & visit you.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Church Agent

Washington D.C.
March 26th /

Mrs L. H. Daggett
257 Bunker Hill St-Boston

Madam.

Yours of March 24th is just received. There is no "trouble" or "breakers ahead" I have not written, because I have been very busy and had nothing special to write. I have no doubt but that we will send out Mr Arms. But I can make no pledges,

I tried the other day to get some definite decision from the Commissioner concerning several Alaska matters. But he replied that he could decide nothing until he had consulted the Secretary of the Interior, and that the Secretary was not yet ready.

I am simply moving forward, the

same as if everything was settled, and yet nothing is settled, only that the Schools are to go on.

I do not see that there is anything for you to do, but to go forward and secure the money for the building.

The success you have so far had, is an indication to me, that God approves and would encourage you to go forward. Mr Roach & I had a good meeting in Grace M.E. Ch of Baltimore last night. I speak at Mt Hendee M.E. Ch in this city on Sabbath morning. I think that probably I can come to Boston for a few well meetings, but can not promise.

Kind regards to your husband.

Truly Yours.

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 27th

Mrs L. H. Daggett
Boston, Mass

Madam

Since writing you my letter of the 24th, I have received your dated Mar. 26th.

I explained to you this morning the impossibility of my giving a pledge.

At the same time I am expecting to send Mr Arnes to Unalaska, or vicinity. The place I mentioned to you as perhaps desirable is Moshnovi across the peninsula from Belkofsky.

I think however that the Commissioner will prefer to occupy Unalaska or Belkofsky. We will know more definitely before this Conference meets.

If you raise the money for a building

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at Unalaska, Mr Arnos can have more time to get ready, as we will need a Charter Schooner at San Francisco to carry lumber, hardware, shingles &c. Mr Arnos & family can go with the material.

Write for $3000. You will need it.

Secure the Commissioner's permission to employ him at Unalaska, and there should be no money for Charter, as he will not be sent, for there is no house for him to occupy.

Send me a report. Also Circular No 2. Circular No 2 will be sent free to any whose names & post office address may be sent me.

You raise the money, which is your duty, and God will open the door by the time the money is raised.

I have settled one thing since my return from Boston and that is, that the Industrial & Common School funds for Alaska can not be both disbursed

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by the Bureau of Education. The one will continue with the Bureau of Indian Affairs & the other with this Bureau. This will however probably be changed by the next Congress voting both funds to the Bureau of Education so far as Alaska is concerned.

A Schooner to take in building material and the teachers will cost from $1200 to $1500. The Schooner chartered by the Moravians to go near 500 miles beyond Unalaska cost $1550. The price of the charter would come out of the building fund & be so much freight on the building materials.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 28

Mr M. M. Buchanan
Purser Steamer Idaho

Dear Sir

Your letter of March 12th is received this morning and will be immediately returned to Mr Wm Wadhams of Wadhams & Elliott. Portland Or for settlement. As there is evidently some mistake in freight charges, he has the papers to arrange and settle with you -

He has receipts to show that the freight on the 4 boxes was prepaid from Allegheny Pa to Port Townsend He also has the receipts to show that Mrs Sayman paid about $28 on the same boxes when they arrived

Kindly you & Mr Wadhams can arrange it. Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 28

Mr Wm Wadhams
Portland Or

Dear Sir

I enclose you letter from the Purser of the Idaho.

Last winter a Mr Morrow of Allegheny City Pa sent 4 boxes of Clothes to Prof S. A. Sayman Loring Alaska, prepaying the freight from Allegheny to Port Townsend. In the mean time Prof Sayman was drowned. Two of the boxes were delivered to Mrs Sayman at Port Townsend, upon which she paid about $28 freight. The other two boxes were left at Port Townsend. Mrs Sayman has turned the 4 boxes over to the Woman's Ex Com^tee & the Board of New York has ordered them delivered to Mr Kelly at Sitka. I forwarded

Mr C. D. Eaton the receipts for freight paid both by Prof Morrow & Mrs Gow-man. Which I presume he has forwarded you. Through some mistake there is evidently a charging of freight twice on the same goods!

When you can see the Purser please learn if the 4 boxes have been delivered to Mr Kelley & straightened out the freight bills —

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 28 /

Mr C. D. Eaton

Dear Sir

I have received another bill for freight on the boxes recently transferred from Prof Sayman (Amherst) to Mr Kelly for Little School.

I transmit it directly to Mr Wadhams for settlement. If by any possibility you have not forwarded him the receipts for freight paid both by Prof Morrow & Mr Sayman please do so at once, that he may have all the papers before him. I think they have charged freight twice —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Treasurer Indian

Washington D.C.
Month 28 /

Prof C. G. Rose
Bethlehem Pa

Dear Sir

I can furnish you Electro plates of the Enclosed Cuts
Bidarka Travelling
Drying Fish
School Building Sitka
" " " " (Training)
" " Maine

Please send me Electrotype plates of Enclosed cuts
Eskimo Girl with Ornaments
" Family Uncivilized
" Trader & family.

And greatly oblige Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Educational Agent.

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

April 1st For Services as General
Agent of Education in
Alaska at a Salary of
$1200 per annum
For the Month of March 1887 $100.00

One hundred and three 00/100

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 1st

Rev G. F. Arms
Wilmington Vt

Dear Sir

Mrs Daggett has forwarded me your letter of March 28th for Answer.

Since seeing you in Boston I have secured from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs a decision that will prevent our doing anything for a boarding School at Unalaska this year. He has decided that the two funds, one for day and the other for Industrial Schools, can not legally be administered both by one Bureau. Consequently we are compelled to wait for some adjustment from Congress, and this can not be had before the Spring or Summer of 1888.

Now the only opportunity left for sending you up this season, is as teacher of one of

the Sool day schools. And I am still in the dark whether this can be done through a combination of circumstances, that are too complicated to explain by letter, I can obtain no authority from the Commissioner to go forward and send any new teachers into Alaska.

If I can find out anything definite before your Conference meets I will telegraph you. If not, perhaps we will be compelled to wait another year.

In the mean time the Ladies of the M. E. Ch are waking up, and getting ready for effective work. Let Mrs Daggett push her collections and secure the funds for a building, and then I know the way will open.

I have no doubt you think these delays & uncertainties very discouraging - and so they are. but perhaps God is trying our faith to see if we are of the right stuff to send into so difficult a field.

I know how to sympathize with him, for I have been similarly placed the last ten years. During nearly all this time I have been required to go forward in the dark, and it has only been as I looked back over the way in which I have been led, that I have been able to see God's hand & blessing —

Rev H. E. Wolff, wife & two Children, and Miss Mary Huber (Moravians) started last week from Bethlehem Pa, for Nushagak Alaska.

The Moravians act more wisely than the rest of us. They sent Mr Wolff up there last summer to erect his buildings and now he has a comfortable place to shelter his family.

Further they have not waited to see what the Government will do. He expects to be appointed Govt teacher; but if not, then his Church will take him up.

I wish the Methodist Ladies would

make up their minds to send you anyway & trust God for the funds.

To find that you were up there and dependent on the Church, would wake the M. E. Ch into its old time enthusiasm

Kind regards to Mrs Arms —

Praying that you may be directed aright I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 1st /

Mrs L. H. Daggett.

Please read carefully my letter to Mr Arms - and if you wish to copy any portions of it, you are at liberty to do so.

I am sorry not to be able to give you more definite information, but as Christians we must believe that there is a wise providence directing and controlling.

I see nothing to do but wait for the Lord to open the way. And while waiting vigorously push all our operations for the necessary funds, so that when the way is open again, you may not be delayed for the want of the funds.

Two or three years ago the Government was anxious that the M. E. Church start the Industrial School at Un-

Unalaska, but the Church was not ready. In raising funds for a building, I would not say too much about the particular village, as you may yet decide on some other village than Unalaska, although at present that seems the best place for a centre.

Kind regards to Mr Doggett

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Washington D.C. April 1st
~~March 15th~~

Dr H. H. White
Juneau. Alaska

Dear Sir

Yours of Feb 25th is before me. It now begins to look as if we would be unable to establish a second School on the Island. The appropriation of $25000 will not go around.

I had one letter from your wife, asking that her brother in law might be appointed teacher on Douglas Island. I can ben much obliged for the Census of Juneau. Also for a couple of Copies of the "Free Press"

I have sent some mail for Rev John H. McFarland Hoonah to your care. Send to Mr Millard's. Please let that it is sent to him, when you know of any one going

over there. I hope to be up in June
Trusting that your wife and Children will have a pleasant time I hope to remain

I remain Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

With regard to the Check sent you of $500. We made out your bill as follows

Sept	1/3 of the month	$50.00
Oct		150.00
Nov		150.00
Dec		150.00
		500.00

Miss Murphy will be paid from this Office

I am glad you are securing the attendance of some more of the ~~Indian~~ native Children —

Washington D.C.
April 2d 7

Miss Clara A. Gould
Jackson Alaska

Madam

In making out the Accounts I find you have no blank Vouchers at this office. I regret to say this will delay the reception of your pay.

I hope they may be received in a few days (Steamer was telegraphed at Port Townsend on March 31st) When I will make them out at once.

I also regret to return the Enclosed Voucher, which is not in proper form. I enclose you a suitable form.

Please return it to me properly made out and I will secure you early payment. Perhaps you had better address me until further notice at Sitka

Truly Yours
Thurston Stevens Special Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 2nd 7

Prof Geo B. Johnston
Killisnoo Alaska

Dear Sir

Yours of Feb 14 + 19 are received. I find by referring to the books the following sums have been paid. If there are other accounts which are due you, please make out a new itemized bill with vouchers where necessary & forward to me.

1886. May 1st you were paid as follows

Salary for Feb. March & April @ $120.	$360.00
1886. July 31st	
Salary for May. June & July @ 120	$360.00
Rent of School room June 20 to July 20	5.00
Freight on School books June 9	2.50
1887 Jan 3rd	
Salary for Sept. Oct. Nov & Dec @ 120	480.00
Sawing wood Sept 7. 1886	1.25

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Sept 7th 86.	Work on School House	$1.50
" 27 "	Carl Sphum Sundries	18.20
" 30 "	" Wharfage	13.75
Oct 20	Sawing wood	1.50
Nov 1.	Rent	5.00
" 12	Sawing wood	0.50
" 15	Wharfage	30.00
" 17	7 days work	7.00
" 19	3 cords of wood @ 2.50	7.50
" 22	Sawing wood	0.50
" 23	2 2/5 cords of wood	6.00

By this Mail I send you Salary for Jan. Feb. & March - $300.00

I expect to spend the Summer in Alaska & will see you (D.V) in June when I hope we can erect the School house -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 2nd 7

Miss Margaret Powell
Sitka Alaska

Madam

Yours of Feb 18th 87 is before me & find the following Salaries have been paid you.

	For 1884 + 5				
1885. August 28th	June 8th to Aug 29th				$200.00.
	For 1885 + 6				
1885 Dec 1st	For Sept 65.20	Oct 67.40	Nov 65.20		$197.80
1886 Mar 1	For Dec 67.40	Jan 68.90	Feb 62.20		$198.50
1886. June 30	For Mar 68.90	Apr 65.90	May 68.20	June 65.90	$268.90
					$665.20
	For 1886 + 7				
1887. Jan 3d	For Sept. Oct. Nov & Dec @ 80.				320.00
" March 31.	For July 67.40	Aug 67.40	Jan. 80	Feb 80 + Mar 80	374.80
" "	For Janitor from Mar to Dec 1886.				12.12

If the above is not correct please let me know. When I left Washington last August I left a bill for Salary for July

and August and supposed that it had been paid until I looked up the books. I am sorry that you have been kept out of your money so long -

By hard work I secured an appropriation of $25000 to continue the schools.

The Commissioner of Education has not yet decided upon what he will do next year. If a Gentleman is sent to Sitka he will be placed over both schools and the Ladies become assistants.

The Governor has been pressing the need of more supervision, and the above may be the result.

I hope (D.V.) to spend the summer at Sitka

Wishing you all success I remain very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Education

Sal Ripinsky
Juneau Alaska

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Commissioner

April 1st For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Haines Alaska at $30 per month.

For	January	30.00
"	February	30.00
"	March	30.00
		$90.00

Ninety 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
F. F. White
Juneau Alaska

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Commissioner

March 31	For salary as teacher of U.S. Public School Juneau Alaska at $150 per month	
	For January	150.00
	" February	150.00
	" March	150.00
		$ 450 00

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Four hundred and fifty

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
J. P. White
Juneau Alaska

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Commissioner

March 31 For rent of School building
at Juneau Alaska at
$20 per month.

For January	20.00
" February	20.00
" March	20.00
	$60 00

Sixty 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Education

G. B. Johnston
Killisnoo Alaska

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Commissioner

March 31 For salary as teacher of U.S. Public School Killisnoo Alaska at $120. per month

For January	$120.00
February	120.00
March	120.00
	$360 00

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Three hundred and sixty

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
Margaret Powel
Sitka Alaska

Commissioner

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March 31	For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School No 1 Sitka Alaska at $800 per year		
	For July 1886	6⁷	40
	" August "	6⁷	40
	For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School No 1 Sitka Alaska at $80 per month		
	For January 1887	80	00
	" February "	80	00
1886	" March "	80	00
Dec	24 Paid G. Sokoloff Janitor for March April. May. June. Sept. Oct and November @ 1.$\frac{42\frac{4}{5}}{100}$ per month	10	.00
	For December 1886 @ $2.	2	00
		$386	.80

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Three hundred and eighty six 80/100

Education of children in Alaska No 1
Bureau of Education
Elizabeth Patton

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March 31	For Salary as teacher in U.S. Public School No 2, Sitka Alaska at a salary of $80 per Month		
	For 1/2 of August 1886		40.00
	" January 1887		80.00
	" February "		80.00
1886	" March "		80.00
Dec	3	To Edward Janitor for October #11 and November #12 1886	3.00
1887			
Jan	4	To Edward Janitor for Dec 1886	2.00
Feb	1	" " " " Jan 1887	2.00
			$287.00

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Two hundred and eighty seven

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
L. W. Currie
Klawack Alaska

Commissioner

March 31 For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Klawack Alaska at $150 per month

For January 1887	150 00
" February "	150 00
" March "	150.00
	$450 00

Four hundred and fifty

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Education

Lyda L. McAvoy
Fort Wrangell Alaska

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March 31 For Salary as teacher in U.S. Public School at Fort Wrangell Alaska at $80 per month.

	For January 1887	80 00
	" February "	80 00
	" March "	80.00
1886 Sept 15	1 Cord of wood to Alkas @ $12	6 00
Nov 30	Flora Kenk Janitor, Sept. Oct Nov	6.00
		$252.00

Corrected

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Two hundred and fifty two

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Clara A. Gould

March 31 For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Jackson Alaska at $80 per Month

For	September	1886	80 00
"	October	"	80 00
"	November	"	80 00
"	December	"	80 00
"	January	1887	80 00
"	February	"	80 00
"	March	"	80.00
			$560 00

Vouchers [illegible]

Five hundred and sixty

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education

James A. Wirth
Afognak. Alaska

7 Care of Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St
San Francisco Co. Cal

Commissioner

March 31st For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Afognak Island Alaska at $50 per month.

For December 1886	50 00
" January 1887	50 00
" February "	50 00
" March "	50 00
	$200 00

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Two hundred 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska 188
Bureau of Education
John H. Carr

Commissioner

March 1st For Salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School at
Unga. Alaska at $150.
per Month.

For December 1886	150 00
" January 1887	150 00
" February "	150 00
	$450 00

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Four hundred and fifty

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
W. E. Roscoe

Commissioner

March 31st For Salary as teacher of
U.S. School at Kadiak
Alaska at $150. per month

For January 1887	150.00
" February "	150.00
" March "	150.00
	$450.00

Four hundred and fifty

Washington D.C.
April 5th 7

Prof W. E. Roscoe

Please sign the enclosed vouchers on the last line, & return to me in the enclosed envelopes, which do not require postage

Your salary has been paid up to April 1st 7.

We secured $25000 from Congress which will continue your school another year -

Very Truly Yours
Alfred Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
April 5th 7

Rev J. A. Wirth

Please sign the inclosed vouchers in the last line and return to me in the inclosed envelopes, which do not require postage.

Your salary has been paid to you up to April 1st.

I will write Bro Pierce and arrange for next year's support.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
April 5th /

Mr John H. Carr.

Please sign the enclosed vouchers on the last line and return them in the enclosed envelopes, which do not require postage.

Your Salary has been paid up to ~~Oct~~ March 1st 1857. $300 being due to your Brother as you requested.

Very Truly Yours
Milton Jackson
Disbursing Agent.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
April 5th /

Mr Thomas MacKellar
606-614 Sansom St Phila

Dear Sir

Yours of yesterday is received. I was very glad to hear from you as you can help me. For nearly two years I have been wanting a printing press & type for the Mission School at Sitka. Not only to teach some of the boys type setting but also to have an organ to keep the progress & need of the School before the Church.

Last Sabbath the Sabbath School connected with the Burnside Cong. Presbyterian Church gave me $50 to get my printing press, type &c &c.

My idea is to issue a paper about 4 pages about 16 x 8 inches in size

published once a month - something like the "Indian Helper" that I enclose you. Sometimes manufactures have second hand presses in good condition, that have been exchanged for larger ones. & which can be had at greatly reduced rates.

On Sabbath April 17th I expect to make a missionary address at Dr Harper's North Broad St Presbyterian Church Phila. On the 16th or 18th I will call on you for advice & assistance in getting the printing outfit.

In the meantime think it over, for you will know better than I, what I will need -

I send you two photos of the Sitka Mission School & also two pamphlets on Alaska

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington, D.C.,
April 6th, 7

Mr. Marion H. Parker
Astoria, Oregon

Dear Sir

Your application of March 21st for a School in Alaska is at hand.

There are at present no vacancies in the Alaska Schools, the School at Fort Tongass formerly taught by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, having been discontinued.

The appropriation of $25000 made by Congress for Schools in Alaska is so inadequate, that we will not be able to open any Schools.

Regretting that we can not avail ourselves of your kind experience.

I remain very truly
Sheldon Jackson
Superintendent

Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.
April 7th 7

Messrs Stetson & Post

Seattle Wash Terr

Dear Sirs

On the 15th of Dec 1886 I purchased of you 4000 feet 1x3 - 12 ft long R L to be delivered to Wm A. Kelly, Supt of Training School Sitka Alaska. The lumber has never reached Mr Kelly, but was landed at Killisnoo Alaska 80 miles away from Sitka. It was shipped on the Leo.

Please look the matter up & have the lumber delivered & give me information of the same -

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
April 7th 7

Mr John G. Brady

On the 15th of Dec
I purchased of Mssrs Stetson & Post
4000 ft 1x3 - 12 ft long rough lumber to
be shipped by the Leo to Wm A. Kelly
Training School Sitka.

I have received no word of its
being delivered at Sitka.

On the contrary Mr G. B. Johnson
writes me that 4000 ft 1x3 stuff that
he does not know anything about was
landed by the Leo at Killisnoo -

Please look up the matter.

What will you furnish me this summer
for at Sitka the following lumber.
viz - Shingles No 1? rough lumber?
flooring? Ceiling? Nails by the keg?
Please write me at once, care of Goodhue
& Elliott, Portland Oregon.

Respectfully
Your obt svt
[illegible]

(Copy)

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
J. Lorrin Good

Commissioner

Feb 22nd For U.S. Public School Jackson
Alaska 20 Cords of wood @ 3. 60.00

Sixty 00/100

(Signed) J. Lorrin Good

(Copy)

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Marion B. Murphy

Commissioner.

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Nov 20th For Salary as teacher
of U.S. Public School at
Juneau Alaska at $40
per month

For September	40.00
" October	40.00
" November (3 wks)	30.00
	$110 00
	.67

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One hundred and ten

(Signed) Marion B. Murphy.

Washington D.C.
April 8th 7

H. A. Bauer or
Agt of Steam Schooner Leo
Seattle

Dear Sir

The Leo has landed 4000 feet of lumber at Killisnoo Alaska, that was consigned or ordered to Stetson & Post to Wm A. Kelly, Training School Sitka

The Commissioner of Education has consented to leave it at Killisnoo & I have this day ordered a new lot from Mess. Stetson & Post. Please see that it reaches its destination this time Strange

If I shall want building material at Sitka this season, what will you deliver me No 1 shingles for at Sitka? Also rough lumber? Also flooring? Also rustic? Also terra cotta chimnies?

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
Supt Ed Alaska

Washington D.C.
April 8th

Hon John G. Brady
Sitka Alaska

Sir

Yesterday I wrote you that the Leo had left 4000 feet 1x3 inch 12 ft rough lumber at Killisnoo, which belonged to Mr Kelly of the Industrial School Sitka.

This morning the Commissioner of Education has consented to take it for the School at Killisnoo, ~~and I have ordered~~ Consequently you need not remove it.

I have this day ordered a new lot from Messrs Stetson & Post for the Sitka Training School. (4000 feet 1x3 inch, 12 ft long).

I enclose you three blanks to make out in triplicate a bill for freight on the lumber from Seattle to Killisnoo.

The freight on the lumber from Seattle

to Sitka, you will have Mr Kelly C.K. & and send to the Board of Home Missions to pay.

The Mistake in leaving the lumber at Killisnoo has been such a detriment that, we trust you will push this last Consignment to destination as soon as possible. Indeed if you can not deliver by the Middle of June at the very latest & earlier if a trip is made, we will be compelled to use the Pacific Coast S.S. Co.

Capt Nichols has just been in, also Capt Pratt of Carlisle.

Wishing you great success I remain
Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington, D.C.
April 8th

Messrs Stetson & Post
Lumber Dealers, Seattle W.T.

Dear Sir

Last Evening I wrote you that the fencing (1x3 inch - 12 ft) purchased of you last Dec for Sitka had never reached there, but had probably been left at Killisnoo Alaska. This morning the Commissioner of Education has concluded to take that at Killisnoo for the Killisnoo school (consequently it need not be removed) and to purchase another lot for Sitka. Please therefore ship on the Leo consigned to Wm A. Kelly. Training School Sitka Alaska 4000 feet 1x3 inch 12 feet long rough lumber. and send the bill in triplicate to me on the ~~following~~ enclosed blanks. If the Leo can not deliver it at Sitka

by the Middle of June 87. you need not send it at all and this order is null & void. I want it to go up on the first trip made, provided it is not later than the time specified. And see that no mistake is made in the Consignment. When you are sure you can comply with the above conditions you can send in the bill. With the bill, please send voucher of the purser or agent of the vessel that they have received the lumber.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 8th

Miss Marion B. Murphy
Juneau Alaska

Madam

It gives me great pleasure to write you that your Salary account was audited to-day & sent to the Disbursing Clerk for payment.

I am very sorry that I had no signed vouchers last winter, so as to have prevented this long delay.

Please remember me kindly to your parents.

Hoping you may receive your money by this mail I remain

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agt.

Wrangell Jan 26 1886

Mr L. B. Johnston

Killisnoo . Alaska

Dear Sir

Yours received. The 4000 feet of 1x3 Stuff landed at Killisnoo was a mistake. It belongs to Mr Kelly at Sitka. However as the mistake has been made, the Commissioner of Education has granted permission to keep it for the School at Killisnoo & send another lot for Sitka.

The various bills you sent in were all allowed except three, which were kept out on account of the lumber However they have been allowed since and will be sent with your next Salary account. The Amount kept back until next time amounts to $26.20

I expect (D.V.) to be in Portland on June 8th to 12th enroute to Alaska. My Portland address will be care of Madhams & Elliott. If you wish me to procure you anything, also report, &c. Send me there.

Send me an itemized list of lumber needed to complete the Killisnoo School House. Perhaps it will be wiser to use what we have, as far as it will go, & then we will know better what we need.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 9th

Mr A. Kelly
Training School Sitka

Dear Sir

Yours of March 14th is received I do not know what to advise Concerning Mr Myers' offer. I am too far away to know all the circumstances.

On general principles, I have these thoughts.

1st. As a rule it is much Cheaper to buy a second hand Outfit than a new one.

2nd On the Contrary in buying out an establishment you do not always get things as you would like them.

3rd I am informed (I do not know how correct the information is) that the press & Outfit ~~has~~ at Sitka have never

been paid for in Portland, & Consequently the original owners have the first lien upon them. I am affraid we might have to pay for it twice or stand an expensive lawsuit which would be even worse.

4th I have had sufficient experience with journalism to know that you cannot, under the circumstances, make an 8 page semi monthly pay.

The editing would take more time than you would be willing to give it, as well as swallow up much money.

If I had not heard of your project I had made arrangements to procure press & outfit and bring with me in June. Unless I hear from you that you have decided it is best not to attempt doing anything with the outfit of the Alaska, I will not purchase until I see you.

However I will make all my arrangements so that I can order press

to you Yc by Mail after I see you.

If Mr Myer is a suitable man for disciplinarian, perhaps the 13d issue commission him, & then he could give in addition to his out door work the over-sight of the printing of a monthly paper the size of the "Indian Helper" or "Morning Star" of the Carlisle School.

You can put your wits together in the School & select a suitable name for the paper, for I have the money to purchase the outfit.

If the "Alaskan" dies out, how would you like that name?

"Inter Nos" I expect to build two of the Cottages this summer for the boys Please find out for me, (without saying what you want it for), the price at Sitka of good shingles - rough lumber, flooring & rustic. &c and write me - Care of Wadhams & Elliott Portland Or.

If you or any of the teachers wish

me to make any purchases for you in Portland please write me.

I expect to be there from the 9th to 12th of June - leaving on the Steamer about the 12th.

On the 18th of last December I purchased for you 4000 feet of pickets and shipped them by the Leo. They have blundered and left them at Ellisnoo.

I have now ordered of Messrs Stetson & Post, Lumber dealers, Seattle 4000 feet more of 1x3 inch, 12 feet long to be consigned to you & sent by the Leo, provided she can deliver them before the Middle of June at Sitka. Every time the Leo comes in please inquire for them.

I hope you will give the Mission Board at New York no peace, until they give you permission to go forward and paint the buildings, roof & all -; Also complete them inside.

Write me fully your wants & I will

do my best to cooperate with you.

I wish you would find time to drop into Miss Powell & Miss Patton's Schools twice a month until I come.

The Governor has complained to me that they have no superintendence.

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 9th 7

Mr E. W. Wessner
1136 New Jersey St. Lawrence Kan

Dear Friend

Yours of the 6th is recd. I am surprised at what the Alaska Comd Co wrote you. I think they must mean that there is no steamer going direct to Kadiak

Usually in the summer they send a steamer to Unalaskka & from there to Kadiak. Last summer several sailing vessels went to Kadiak during the season.

I feel sure you can yet get to Cook's Inlet.

1st There are the vessels of the Alaska Commercial Co. Now doubtful

2nd Messrs Cutting & Co of San Francisco Cal. have a salmon cannery at Kasilof on the east side of Cook's Inlet.

no doubt they have sailing vessels passing back & forth from San Francisco.

3rd Messrs Magee and Moore of San Francisco have a rival store at Kadiak with a Schooner running between Kadiak, Cooks Inlet & San Francisco. And it is not improbable that you could get up by them.

If you can reach anywhere that general region, you can get into the particular locality you want with a small boat.

I mail you to-day a copy of Petroff's Census Report with some reference to Kenai

Now with regard to your going to South East Alaska.

The Simpseans that are proposing to move from British Columbia to Alaska are already a Christian people. They have their Church organization of nearly 500 Members & will take their Minister &

School teacher with them.

With regard to the other natives of that section, I would say there are only about 6000 of them, and the Presbyterians have sent in 25 missionaries (men & women) in addition to the six Government teachers. For you to go there would be to leave those of Cook's Inlet without any one to care for them.

Please write Charles H. Wells, Ship Broker No 10 California St., San Francisco. Cal. and ask him to please ascertain when a vessel will sail for Kadiak or Cooks Inlet, either by the A.C. Co, or Messrs Cutting & Co, or by Messrs Magee & Shore; or by any-~~thing~~ one else, and let you know. If one should be going soon, ask him to telegraph you at your expense.

The Lord God guide your steps & open the way.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt.

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
G. B. Johnson

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Supplies for U. S. Public School
at Killisnoo Alaska

Orginal invoice

Dec	1st Rec. School Building for Sept.		5 00
Dec	1st " " " " Nov		10 00
"	23 + 3. 1/2 cord of wood 1.50 Sawing .75		2.25
	31 Sawing wood 0.75 Rent for Dec 10.00		10 75
1887 Jan	23 Sawing & packing wood		2 00
	31 Rent for January		10 00
Feb	3 + 11 Sawing wood 1.75 1 Cord of wood 2.75		4 50
Mar	1 Rent for February. Filing saw .50		10 50
"	10 ~~Sawing wood~~		
Feb	16 + 28 1 Cord wood 2.50 4 Cords @ 3.- 12.00 of wood		14 50
	~~March 10 Sawing wood~~		
March	1 Mortgage on 4000 feet of lumber @ 2		8.00
March	10 14 Sawing wood. Handling lumber .80		1.30
March	18 Storage of lumber.		2 40
			81.70

Washington D.C.
April 11th /

Mr L.B. Johnston
Killisnoo - Alaska

Dear Sir

I inclose you a voucher which is not witnessed. Please be careful about having your vouchers in shape.

There was also a voucher for 1 Cord of wood, Feb 11. at 2.75 which was not put on your bill at all.

I have altered the bill by adding the wood & throwing out the inclosed voucher, which is returned to you for correction.

The bill now stands at $81. 70/100

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

My P.O. address June 8th will be care of Smallhorn & Elliott Portland. Or. After that at Sitka.

Washington D.C.
April 9th 7

Mr W. H. Gardiner
Chief Clk. Bureau of Education

Sir

I have the honor to make the following report of the work of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education for the week ending April 9th 1887

Letters received	186
" Sent	55
Circulars " to teachers in Alaska	75
Public Doc "	83
Vouchers made out	48
Reports Examined & Audited	22
Received Callers on Public Business	13

Much other work was done that it is difficult to Classify —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

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